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Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 6.

No caucuses have been held to-night. To-morrow night is appointed. Banks will show his strength. Meanwhile, Pennington will be next pushed.

One of the greatest obstructions to the organization is the fact that several gentlemen are sticking to the last, hoping that finally they may themselves be dragged out and chosen. Time should be taken out of their hiding places by the pressure of public opinion.

The list of Naval promotions, contemplated upon the retirement of various retiring Rears, has been prepared and sent in to the Senate for its action. This is a sufficient sign that the President intends to press that measure immediately on organization. S.

[SPECIAL REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE REPORTED.]

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 6.

It has just been ascertained beyond the possibility of a doubt, that a dispatch has been received from Mr. BUCHANAN relative to the CRAMPTON difficulty, the tenor of which is, that the British Government, in a courteous but positive manner, declining giving such explanations as have been demanded by our Government regarding the alleged violation of neutrality laws by the British Agents.

This aspect of affairs imposes on our Government delicate obligations, and will require all its wisdom to extricate itself from the present dilemma.

The Governments of San Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica, have strongly protested to this Government against the recognition by Minister PIERCE of the present Nicaragua Government, which was probably thus acted with the concurrence of our Government, and in accordance with its policy, whatever may be the objections on the part of the Central American States. The Governments first named predict that the present state of things in Nicaragua will not long continue as now constituted, and declare themselves resolved to overrun foreign adventurers who may invade their soil for revolutionary purposes.

The members of the House are interchanging visits to-night and endeavoring so to arrange matters that an organization may be effected without further delay, but their efforts give not promise of a favorable prospect. The Democrats resolve to stand firm on their platform recently adopted in caucus, in the hope of eventually prevailing, seeing that the majority of the House is opposition to them entertain the assurance that after a number of ballots some Democrat will have been complimented with enough votes to secure the election of Speaker. Still only time will tell. S.

The Balloting for Speaker—Duty of the Anti-Nebraska Majority—The Character of the Speaker, &c.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1855.

The balloting for Speaker is getting to be very dull business,—and there is no good reason why it should not be promptly brought to an end. Gentlemen necessarily have their personal preferences; but unless these were sacrificed to the general welfare, no organization of Congress could ever be effected. Sufficient ballotings have been had to show gentlemen the temper of the House,—and it is full time that they began to settle down upon somebody who will fill the Chair with dignity, and be fully competent to discharge its duties, which will be more than ordinarily perplexing during the ensuing session.

The Speakership will be no sinecure. It will require for the successful performance of its duties this Winter more than ordinary experience, tact and knowledge of Parliamentary law. Any man who shall attempt to fill the Chair without being possessed of the requisite amount of these, will wish himself in the Arctic seas before his honors have fairly settled upon his shoulders. A man of superior Parliamentary abilities may achieve great honor there; but a man not so qualified, even though a man of firmness, dignity and genuine ability in other respects, will place himself with ridicule, and provoke a sentiment of contempt. These are considerations worthy the attention of aspirants to the honors of Chairmanship. The crown for which they strive is of thorns; and there are few who can wear it with credit to themselves, or profit to the country.

Above all, let each man who does not claim association with the Nebraska men remember that the latter have, by their action, forced him into cooperation with the Anti-Nebraska men. The responsibility of organization rests upon the majority—for there is no present division of the House, except upon the issue of resistance to Slavery aggression. This is a responsibility which must not be trifled with. The North expects her representatives to organize the House and then at once proceed to business. To pushing the Nebraska question in defiance of individual predilections for individual men is a dangerous game to play. It discourages, and eventually will disorganize and demoralize the Anti-Nebraska majority. It tends to disruption and defeat. Why then, while the temper of our friends is kind and conciliatory, not determine to lay aside every candidate who does not show rapidly increasing strength, on one or three ballots, until some one is taken up who can readily poll ninety or one hundred votes? When such an one is found, of course there will be no difficulty in making him the Speaker. In this way only can the contest be brought to speedy and favorable issue.

The Senate, in electing HENRY CLAY DEAN to be its Chaplain, evinced its disgust with the practice which had grown into vogue, of making political orthodoxy the test of orthodoxy of the Chaplain's prayers. Mr. DEAN was nominated by Mr. JONES of Iowa, simply as a worthy clergyman,—and he was elected by an majority, over about a dozen other candidates, some of whom had been guilty of electioneering for the place. He, probably, is not himself aware that his election was decided by votes given him because he was known to be an Anti-Nebraska man, who would probably have sense enough not to tell the Creator daily, that the Union was in danger because Injection is made to Slavery extension,—which is only a slight modification of the stereotyped prayer put up by a reverend politician, who has more than once been made the Senate's Chaplain by strict party votes.

I have been forcibly struck, during the last two days, by the fact that the present House of Representatives contains a very large number of young men,—and men, too, if one may judge by personal appearance, of more than average talent and self-reliance. If their discretion shall prove equal to their energy, we may expect to see less of leadership, and more of public active participation in the duties of legislation, which is far preferable to the selection of half a dozen upon whom the management of legislation shall be devolved. S.

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XXXIVth CONGRESS—First Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 6.

Mr. HALE's resolution calling on the President of the United States to inform the Senate whether he has received any evidence of such resistance to the laws in Kansas as to require the interposition of military force in the preservation or restoration of law and order in that Territory, and if so, to lay the same before the Senate, was taken up.

Mr. HUNTER remarked it was unusual to take up such calls before receiving the annual Message, which might contain the information desired.

Mr. HALE consented the resolution should lie over, and moved when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn till Monday.

Mr. HUNTER hoped not, as the House might organize to-day.

Mr. CLAYTON remarked, that such an adjournment would delay the reception of the Message, which the country is anxious to see.

Several Senators urged Mr. HALE to withdraw his motion.

Mr. HALE—In view of the fact stated by the Senator from Delaware, [CLAYTON] of which I was entirely ignorant, that the country is waiting with great anxiety for the Message, I withdraw the motion. [Laughter.]

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 6.

Mr. WHITNEY withdrew the name of HUNTER MARSHALL as candidate for Speaker.

The 16th trial was then had, with the following result:

SEVENTEENTH BALLOT.

Richardson	72	Banks	6
Campbell	70	Smith, of Ala	14
Pennington	9	Valk	5
Fuller	20	Thurston	2
Wheeler	16		

Messrs. Puryear, Mace, Nichols, Andrew, Oliver, Edmundson, and Carlile, received one vote each.

SEVENTEENTH BALLOT.

Campbell	69	Richardson	79
Pennington	10	Fuller	21
Wheeler	11	Banks	14
Smith (Ala.)	10	Thurston	2

Messrs. Whitney, Puryear, Mace, Nichols, Oliver, Zollikoffer, Walker and Lake, 1 each.

EIGHTEENTH BALLOT.

Campbell	68	Richardson	79
Pennington	11	Fuller	21
Wheeler	10	Banks	16
Smith	11	Thurston	2

Messrs. Puryear, Mace, Nichols, Oliver, Carlile, Florence, Zollikoffer, Walker, Etheridge and Marshall, 1 each.

NINETEENTH BALLOT.

Campbell	57	Richardson	71
Pennington	14	Fuller	23
Wheeler	11	Banks	18

Messrs. Smith, Thurston, Puryear, Mace, Oliver, Nichols, Carlile, Walker, Marshall, Davis, (Md.,) and Hughston, 1 each.

TWENTIETH BALLOT.

Campbell	46	Richardson	71
Pennington	19	Fuller	23
Wheeler	19	Banks	22
Smith	8	Thurston	3
Cox	2		

Messrs. Mace, Nichols, Oliver, Walker, Lake, Howard, Davis, (Md.,) Clingman, each 1.

TWENTY-FIRST BALLOT.

Campbell	46	Richardson	71
Banks	21	Pennington	25
Fuller	21	Wheeler	13
Smith	7	Thurston	8
Nichols	2		

Messrs. Oliver, Mace, Walker, Howard, Davies, Dunn, Aiken, 1 each.

Two hundred and eleven votes. Necessary for a choice, 106.

Upon the announcement of the result of the twenty-first ballot, the House adjourned.

The last vote was as follows:

FOR RICHARDSON—Messrs. Aiken, Allen, Barclay, Barksdale, Bell, Bennett, Bowie, Boyce, Branch, Brooks, Bennett, Cadwallader, Caruthers, Cockle, Clingman, Cobb of Penn., Cobb of Ala., Crafton, Crawford, Davidson, Edmunson, Elliott, English, Graves, Faulkner, Florence, Fuller of Me., Goode, Greenwood, Hall of Iowa, Harris of Ala., Harris of Ill., Herbert, Houston, Jones of Tenn., Jones of Penn., Keitt, Kidwell, Letcher, Lumpkin, Marshall of Ill., Maxwell, McMullin, McQueen, Miller of Ind., Millson, Oliver of Mo., Orr, Peck, Phelps, Powell, Quitman, Ready, Reese, Ruffin, Savage, Seward, Shannon, Smith of Va., Smith of Ala., Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, Taylor, Vail, Warner, Watkins, Walls, Winslow, Wright of Tenn.

FOR CAMPBELL—Messrs. Allison, Banks, Barbour, Benton, Burlingame, Chaffee, Clark of Conn., Colfax, Comins, Cromwell, Damrell, Davis of Mass., Dean, Dewitt, Dodd, Dunn, Durfee, Gilbert, Hall of Mass., Harlan, Holloway, Horton of N. Y., Horton of Ohio, Howard, Hughston, King, Kunzy, Lester, Mace, Mather, McCarty, Morgan, Morrell, Murray, Petit, Sabin, Scott, Sherman, Simmons, Thorington Walbridge, Waldron, Washburn of Me., Woodruff, Kelsey, Welch.

FOR BANKS—Messrs. Albright, Henry, Bennett, Bingham, Bliss, Buffington, Campbell of Ohio, Cragin, Dixon, Emrie, Flager, Giddings, Killian, Meacham, Miller, Mott, Pike, Robeson, Sapp, Stanton, Tappan, Wade, Watson.

FOR FULLER—Messrs. Bradshaw, Brown, Campbell of Penn., Cowles, Dick, Edie, Foster, Kennett, Knight, Kunkel, Millward, Penne, Pennington, Purviance, Ready, Rivers, Roberts, Sneed, Todd, Tyson, Underwood.

FOR PENNINGTON—Messrs. Benson, Bishop, Clawson, Edwards, Fuller of Penn., Maven, Knox, Norton, Parker, Pelton, Pringle, Robbins, Sage, Stranahan, Trafton, Wakeman, Washburn of Wis., Washburne of Ill., Woodworth.

FOR WHEELER—Messrs. Cullen, Davis of Md., Harris of Md., Hoffman, Andrew, Oliver, Paine, Sicard, Spencer, Swope, Thurston, Valk, Whitney, A. K. Marshall.

FOR SMITH OF ALA.—Messrs. Campbell of Ky., Carlisle, Cox, Lake, Lindley, Trippe, Humphrey, Marshall.

FOR THURSTON—Messrs. Nichols, Perry, Williams.

FOR NICHOLS—Messrs. Galloway, Grow.

FOR HOWARD—Mr. Billinghurst.

FOR MACE—Mr. Day.

FOR WALKER—Mr. Eustis.

FOR A. OLIVER—Mr. Wheeler.

FOR DAVIS OF MD.—Mr. Walker.

FOR AIKEN—Mr. Richardson.

FOR DUNN—Mr. Knowlton.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 6.

Case No. 5.—Steamer *Hornet*, Coxsins, master, and others vs. Frisbee, owner of the steamer *Arkansas*. Appeal from the United States Circuit Court of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The appellants were called, but failed to appear, and the cause was dismissed, with costs.

Case No. 6—Piffins' Executors vs. Mattison—was argued by Mr. DOWNING for plaintiff, and by Mr. WILLIAMS for defendant.

Navigation of the Canal—Weather, &c., &c.

BUFFALO, Thursday, Dec. 6.

The canal is open. Weather mild and wet. Wind west.

LOCKPORT, Thursday, Dec. 6.

The canal is free from ice, and the water low. Weather warm and cloudy.

ROCHESTER, Thursday, Dec. 6.

The weather here is mild and pleasant. There is no ice in the canal, and boats are moving along. There is in store and being received about 500,000 bushels of Wheat, against 200,000 last year.

LYONS, Thursday, Dec. 6.

Ice formed on the canal last night half an inch thick. Weather cloudy. A boat went East this morning, lightly loaded.

CLYDE, Thursday, Dec. 6.

The ice in the canal at this point, an inch thick, is breaking up. Weather cloudy, and commencing to rain. The water is a foot lower than yesterday. The boat *North Star*, bound for Utica, loaded with beef, passed down last night.

FORT BYRON, Thursday, Dec. 6.

The canal is free from ice, and the water up to the average level. Weather clear and cool.

SYRACUSE, Thursday, Dec. 6.

Weather cloudy, but warm. The canal is free from ice.

UTICA, Thursday, Dec. 6.

There is no ice in the canal here, and the water is up to the usual level. The weather is mild and cloudy.

CAMILLUS, Thursday, Dec. 6.

The canal is free from ice and crowded with boats, which are passing along freely with good prospects of getting through.

Serious Accident in Baltimore—Chief Justice Taney, &c.

BALTIMORE, Thursday, Dec. 6.

Four men engaged in painting St. Alphonse's Church, in this city, fell to the ground to-day, in consequence of the breaking of the platform on which they were. All were seriously and perhaps mortally injured.

Chief Justice TANEY has sold his residence in Baltimore, and intends living permanently at Washington.

The New-Orleans mail of Friday is received.

THE KANSAS TROUBLES.

Assembling of Armed Men.

FIGHTING ANTICIPATED.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Dec. 6.

The latest accounts from Kansas represent that 300 men, armed with SHARP's rifles, were assembled at Lawrence. They declared that they were willing the Sheriff should peaceably search the escaped prisoners, and that they would not commence hostilities, but would act on the defensive to the last. PODMOR who escaped from his captors is now in Lawrence.

It is said the Pro-Slavery Party have 300 men in Franklin, and 200 in Lecompton and Douglass. If resistance is offered to the execution of the writs, the Sheriff declares his intention to await the further orders of the Government.

It is thought a fight will ensue before the matter is settled.

Later from Texas—Loans to Railroads—The Weather, &c.

NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday, Dec. 6.

We have received Galveston dates to the 1st inst. A bill was before the Legislature proposing a loan of $6,000 for each mile of railroad built in the State—the State to retain a mortgage on the road. Several papers are urging the Legislature to instruct Senator HOUSTON to resign, on account of his Anti-Southern sentiments.

The weather was favorable for securing the cotton and sugar crops.

Later From Havana.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The steamer *Columbia* has arrived here with later dates from Havana, but the news is unimportant. Business was good, and Sugar had advanced. The market was excited and unsettled. Molasses was also better.

Fire at Beardstown, Ill.

BEARDSTOWN, ILL., Thursday, Dec. 6.

The foundry and machine-shop, in this place, owned by JOHN WEBB, was destroyed by fire, last night. Loss estimated at $8,000. No insurance. The books only were saved.

THE IRISH IN AMERICA.

CONVENTION AT THE ASTOR HOUSE.

The Platform—The Address, &c.

THIRD AND LAST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Irish Emigrant Aid Society continued its session at the Astor House yesterday. The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., by the President, ROBERT TYLER, Esq. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous day, &c., the Convention proceeded to the further consideration of the address and resolutions. A long debate arose, but the reports of the Committees were finally adopted. The address so adopted is annexed.

A delegate called the attention of delegates to the reports of the proceedings of the Convention published in the DAILY TIMES. There was something wrong in the appearance of such reports, and in the statements which they embodied. He thought it quite evident that the Reporter of the TIMES was furnished with information by some one who knew more than he ought about the Convention. He regretted that the little passage at arms which occurred at the opening of the Convention should have found its way into the public prints. To be sure, it was no more than occurs at almost every Convention, but Irish faults were looked for eagerly and always exaggerated. The TIMES stated that the address of the Convention was from the pen of JOHN SAVAGE, the Poet. Every member present knew that this was not the case, and he regretted that such a false statement had appeared.

A Delegate would inform the gentleman who had just taken his seat, and the other members of the body, that Mr. SAVAGE was a contributor to the columns of the TIMES.

[In reply to this uncalled for insinuation, our Reporter desires to say, that he was informed on authority which he believed reliable, that the address was written by Mr. SAVAGE; and, further, that Mr. SAVAGE had no knowledge of the insertion of his name in that connection.]

The next matter before the Convention was that in reference to the charges preferred against Mr. MCCLENAHAN, of the *Citizen*, by Col. DOHENY. The Committee who had been appointed to examine into the matter, submitted a report, in which they stated that Col. DOHENY and others had been examined, under oath, as to the allegations so made, and that, after a full and impartial hearing of the whole matter, they were convinced that the charges against Mr. MCCLENAHAN were entirely unfounded. On motion of Mr. LUMSDEN, seconded by Dr. SMITH, the following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted:

Resolved, In accordance with the action of the Investigating Committee, that the sense of this Convention is, that the attack on Mr. JOHN MCCLENAHAN was false and malicious, and that the parties making the charges are unworthy of the confidence of this Convention, and of the Irish people in America engaged in this cause; and, also, that this Convention pass a vote of confidence in Mr. JOHN MCCLENAHAN.

The matter in reference to a Supreme Directory was then called up and debated. The report of the Committee on that subject, was adopted, and a Supreme Directory appointed. The Supreme Directory so appointed, is to be an Executive Body, having full and entire control of the means and ends necessary to the consummation of the object sought by the Society. It is composed of five members we understand, but their names are kept entirely secret.

Previous to its adjournment, Capt. DUFFY entered the Convention, and stated that he was authorized by four military companies of the E. M. A.'s to tender their adhesion to the Irish Emigrant Aid Society. The announcement was received with loud applause.

After the transaction of an amount of other business, financial and routine, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

The following is the address and resolutions adopted by the Convention. They were written by Capt. LYONS of the *Citizen*.

ADDRESS

OF THE "AMERICAN IRISH EMIGRANT AID SOCIETY," TO THE IRISH RACE, AND THE FRIENDS OF IRISH INDEPENDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, IN IRELAND, THE BRITISH COLONIES, AND ELSEWHERE.

The National Convention of this Society, assembled in the City of New-York, on the 4th day of December, 1855, deems it a duty to address you, as to the principles and objects of the body which it represents. It is unnecessary to enumerate the wrongs which Ireland has suffered under the rule of a power which, for centuries, has held her in an unwilling subjection; these are matters of history. It is unnecessary to remind you of the duty which you owe to yourselves, and the ancient Nation on whose behalf we speak, to restore her to that place which the whole world admits she ought of right to hold, and to which her best sons in every generation freely sacrificed liberty and life to elevate her. To fulfill the destiny of the Irish nation—to effect the purpose for which so many patriots have toiled and suffered, this Association has been established.

If any reason be required why such an organization should have sprung into existence at this time, it can be found in the present condition of affairs in Europe, which present to the mind of every man that favorable opportunity for which the ever rebellious and discontented mind of Ireland has been waiting with anxiety and hope.

To our fellow-citizens in the United States, we would say that in the furtherance of our purpose, we mean to outrage no law of the land, to violate no pledge which we have given to the Constitution of this country. Citizens of Irish birth have never conspired to violate the law; on the contrary, they have been the most active in detecting and bringing to justice the conspirators, who, under the sanction of a foreign Government, have flagitiously outraged the international faith. If our antecedents in America be not a guarantee for our future conduct, the presence of citizens of American birth in our councils, is a pledge to the Nation that we shall do nothing in violation of the law.

Our purpose is not a secret, and we do not desire to shroud it in a veil of mystery. In the convulsions which now shake the monarchies of the Old World—in the complications of politics which involve many nations, and are rapidly drawing others into the vortex—we see a strong probability that the long expected opportunity may arise when Ireland can (if her children both at home and abroad be ready for the emergency) take her position as an independent nation. To prepare ourselves for that emergency is a duty so clear to us that to neglect it would be an unpardonable crime.

From the Irishmen in America, who, with us, acknowledge the obligation which that duty imposes, we ask unanimity of action, cooperation of labor, harmony of sentiment, and above all, a sacrifice of every prejudice, of every personal ambition, of every individual pique, for the sake of a cause so sacred. From those (if there be any such) who sincerely differ from us as to the policy we have adopted, we crave, in the name of that suffering land so dear to us all, forbearance of censure, and a truce to opposition; in order that, if we succeed, even though it be for the last time, the children of Ireland may have a fair opportunity of proving their ability to redeem their country, and wipe out the stains which the disgrace of former mismanagement, and the crime of defeat have left on her escutcheon.

We would remind the Irish in the British Colonies and elsewhere that this cause is common to the whole race;—that history has recorded on its pages the name of a renowned nation which God never designed should vanish from the sight of men for ever—that this nation is their own—is now held and owned by a stranger;—that the finger of destiny points to the hour when the long lost heritage may be restored. We invite them to participate in the glorious struggle for its redemption. Under whatever flag they find shelter, or however prosperous their lot may be, their natural home is in the sacred valleys of old Ireland—side by side with her rivers, and under the shadow of her ancient pillar-towers and cathedrals. The ashes of their kindred have hallowed the soil—it is the consecrated ground in which their own bones should be laid.

We would ask the Irish people, resident in Ireland, a few momentous questions: Is the present condition in which you live, the one in which you are satisfied to remain for ever? Are you so contented, so prosperous, and so loyal to the reigning Sovereign of Great Britain, that you desire no change in the government of your own country? If you are not, then, how is a change to be accomplished? One after the other, every scheme proposed for many years, has failed either radically to change or permanently to improve the condition of the country. The claims of the tenant farmer have been laughed at in the Imperial Parliament, though backed by all the strength that Ireland, in her Tenant Leagues, was able to bring to the cause. The very men upon whom, it is said, you relied as a forlorn hope for the last seven years, have abandoned the country in despair; those whom you most trusted have sold your interests for places in the Government, seats on the bench, and silk gowns at the bar, and when you indignantly reproach them with their treachery, they deign no other answer than to clink the gold they have accepted for the infamous barter. A few years ago you boasted of such advocate as EMMON, SHIELDS, FITZGERALD and DRAKE. Where are they now? On the side of your persecutors.

In the midst of a disastrous war, when the blood of the Catholic Celt is poured out liberally in the cause of England, the Catholic soldier is neglected willfully and cruelly in his dying moments; and the Catholic at home is insulted, slighted, and persecuted now as ever—if not to the same extent as in the penal days, it is not because the spirit of your rulers is changed, but that their power is restricted. The odious tax of minister's money still exists; the corruptions of a foreign State Church are still uncorrected; not a solitary grievance for which the nation has been clamoring has been removed. We appeal to your experience to answer what prospect there is of removing a single one of them, until the rule which imposes them is destroyed?

We, your brethren, who have learned what freedom is in this free Republic, are willing to aid you in the restoration of your National Independence, if you accept that fraternal interference. It is true that a portion of the Irish Press proclaims that you will not accept our aid—say that you will oppose, as enemies, your own brothers who, in the midst of their prosperity, have not forgotten your sufferings, but are true to the heritage which has come to them from their fathers. In justice to you, we cannot believe this assurance; and we reject it with scorn.

You are told that an invasion of piratical foreigners is meditated, who, for the purposes of conquest, emancipation and plunder, would turn your peaceful fields into a bloody battle-ground. This is a false representation of your enemies. You are cautioned against your brethren on this continent as infidels, radicals and levelers; men without religion—disorganizers—foes to social order. Ask yourselves why should this be true, and we will abide the honest answer your consciences will furnish. It is but a few years since we too were in Ireland; the current of blood flows still in the same direction; the chain that binds our affections to our kindred has its links at both sides of the Atlantic; emigration has not deadened our sympathies, nor corrupted our morals. It is not strangers but your own kindred who offer you assistance if you are willing to avail yourselves of the occasion to which we alluded—our people has pointed as the one in which Ireland could find an opportunity to redress all her grievances at one blow. We are Republicans! Has the title any terrors for you? Does Republicanism mean Infidelity? So far from that, let us assure you that Irish Republicanism means Christianity in its essence and spirit; let us assure the clergy of that faith to which the large majority of the Irish people subscribe, that instead of being the beggars of favor from England as they are now, under an Irish Republic their spiritual influence will be anchored more deeply in the hearts of their people; they will be in a position to exercise to the fullest their spiritual powers—untrameled by unjust laws or a persecuting public opinion; so also will the same rights and privileges be extended to the clergy of every religious denomination.

Under this regime, cannot Ireland once more become an Island of Saints? Our grounds are National, not Sectional—our principles embrace men of all faiths, and while we would assure the Clergy and Laity of the Catholic Church, under a Republican form of Government, freedom of action, we implore the liberal-minded Protestants on both sides of the Atlantic, to espouse our cause—it is the cause of Truth, Liberty, and Justice!

It would be useless to revert to the difficulties of England at the present time—they are known to the world, and you cannot be blind to them; her impotency as a military power is patent; the elements of disorder existing in the very heart of the empire are proclaimed even by the organs of the Government; her power to hold your country in subjection by armed force against the will of the people exists no longer.

Pronounce then *that it is your will* to emancipate yourselves from the thrall of a foreign government, and you shall not be left to struggle alone in the effort to accomplish that purpose. The Irish race in America were never so strong in numbers, so rich in wealth, or so united in purpose as at the present time. As loyal citizens of this Republic, they are ready to protect its honor in defiance of the threats of Lord CLARENDON and his compeers; and as children of Ireland to avenge the wrongs of their mother land, by any means not incompatible with their duty to this country, whose Constitution they have sworn to maintain, and whose laws they will ever respect.

ROBERT TYLER, Pa., President.
SAMUEL LUMSDEN, Ohio, Vice President.
T. H. SMITH, M. D., Mass. } Secretaries.
J. J. MCGOWAN, M. D., R. I. }

RESOLVED BY THE CONVENTION,

Resolved, That the first duty of all American citizens, whether native-born or naturalized, of whatever political opinions, or of whatever nationalities, is to faithfully respect all their obligations of citizenship arising under the laws and Constitution of our country.

Resolved, That neither the laws of nations nor the laws of the United States prevent any portion of the American people from meeting and combining together to give weight to their opinions regarding the acts of a tyrant—to express their sympathy for the oppressed, whether an individual or a people—to encourage the down-trodden by a word of good cheer again to struggle for rights of which they have been temporarily deprived by brute force, or to endeavor by combination, by facts, by argument and by action, so to shape the conduct of nations in certain contingencies as to indorse this or any other when a lawful opportunity presents itself, to do some great act of moral and historical justice.

Resolved, That the restoration to Ireland of that sovereignty which she has never willingly conceded, but against the desecration of which she has from time to time so constantly protested, and her consequent relief from the worst Government, on the part of her vampire oppressor, the world ever saw, would be an act worthy of the noble character of American freedom, and under certain circumstances, might be justified as well by the soundest national policy, as by the holiest sentiments of humanity.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In the article in to-day's paper on the Irish Convention, you state that the members of the Emmett Monument Association are "exasperated" with the Emigrant Aid Society, for not admitting them—such is not the case. As soon as the delegation found that there was any opposition to them, they withdrew, to act as they have heretofore done on their own account, and left the other body to do the same—knowing that, when the proper time arrives, all will join for the one glorious object. E. M. A.

THE LEGISLATIVE POLICE COMMITTEE.

DISGUSTING DISCLOSURES CONCERNING THE SHYSTERS.

Straw Bail—Unimprisoned Offenders—Black-Mail, &c., &c., &c.

The Mystery of the "Sheep-Skin" Practice.

A VISION OF AUGEAN STABLES.

The Legislative Committee, charged with the investigation of frauds in the criminal jurisprudence of the Counties of New-York and Kings, met yesterday in the City Library. There were present all the members—Hons. Senators CHESNEY (in the Chair) and HOWKINS, and Assemblymen BARNS, STUYVESANT and O'KEEFE.

Mr. Justice PEARSON was the first witness called. He testified to the following facts: He is and has been a Magistrate since January, 1853. He could not state as to the number of complaints for felonies and misdemeanors made before him without referring to the minutes. The time of examination depends mainly upon the nature of the charge; some cases requiring time to work up the evidence. Pressure of business also sometimes delays investigations for as long as twenty-four hours. The examinations are generally taken by the Clerk in presence of the Magistrate. He himself almost invariably examined witnesses in cases pending before him.

ABOUT "SKINNERS."

In cases of felonies, abandonment, and frequently in petty larcenies, prisoners appear by counsel; but whether these counselors are lawyers or not, he could not discriminate; he could not say how prisoners engage their counsel, but presumed that it was mainly through the policeman making the arrest, or through the keeper of the prison, who, as they call it, "repes" these fellows in; the "skinners" are a class of men that flock around such places; some of them, however, have regular offices; some are lawyers, but many are doubtless on the sheep-skin practice.

THEIR METHOD OF DOING BUSINESS.

In cases of assault and such like, magistrates usually require corroborative testimony by at least one witness.

Mr. Stuyvesant—It is due to the gentlemen that they should be informed that the Mayor, yesterday, stated that there were existing understandings between counsel and Magistrates not to take or to make complaints, as the case might be.

Witness continued—The majority of persons taken before the Justices are arrested without warrants; in some heavy cases it is probable prisoners have been confined some days before examination has been had while completing the evidence; Magistrates are not on duty, but sometimes open Court at the Station-houses during the night; he had occasionally done so; he had heard that the Mayor ordered police captains not to discharge prisoners on the order of Justices, unless Court was formally opened; he believed the former practice was to send an order only; he had never done so himself, but always examined the case before he stirred in it.

Mr. Hopkins asked whether that was done in other cases than in those of persons of means?

Witness—Did not know; he had lately dismissed a very poor man because his wife was sick; he tried in this to do his duty; but supposed that same money was needed to send messengers to the Judge; there are five Policemen detailed at Jefferson Court, and among them the warrants are distributed in rotation as they are issued; he had heard that the Mayor had discharged several prisoners without examination.

WHERE THE RECORDS AND FINES GO.

All records are sent to the office of the District-Attorney. Bonds to keep the peace are kept at the Police Court. He could not say that any of these bonds had been prosecuted. Fines are imposed for drunkenness, violation of Corporation ordinances, and some other offences; they are paid to the Clerk, who deposits them with the Chamberlain, to the credit of the County. Money collected in the prisons is paid over to the Governors of the Almshouse. Justices take bail, according to circumstances, at their own discretion.

STRAW BAIL.

In taking bail the evidence consists of the oath of the bailer and collateral evidence. Witnesses are not required to identify the persons, but sometimes officers are sent to inquire as to the facts sworn to. He had never had any experience in that kind of bail called "straw bail." Had heard of its existence, but of his own knowledge he could not say to what extent.

"UNIMPRISONED PRISONERS."

He had known officers to be personally charged with the custody of prisoners, but could not suppose it was so without the consent of the magistrates. He did not think that the officers dare undertake such a charge themselves. The Magistrate would be personally responsible to the Grand Jury for any escape, but he has never heard of any prisoner taking advantage of the position.

ALLUSION IS MADE TO "BLACK-MAIL."

Personally, he knew of no cases of the Police levying "black-mail" on the houses of prostitution for target companies and election purposes. Invitations had been sent round to such places and persons, and something of that kind was probably intended. The Mayor has no right to give any instructions to the Police Magistrates. He sends Officers and the Justices use them, but they have a right to deliver process to any man and to empower him to serve it.

Mr. O'Keefe—Have you ever known an Officer of any Ward refuse to serve process?

Witness—Yes, Sir, repeatedly. That is one of our difficulties. The Policemen consider themselves responsible only to the Commissioners, and take their advantage.

Mr. O'Keefe—Is there no way of punishing them without reference to the Board?

Witness—No, Sir; we have no power in the matter.

Mr. O'Keefe—Did you ever complain of this?

Witness—No, Sir; I never considered it of any use; were I going to continue in office, I would hereafter detail my own men; I should not accept of those furnished by the Mayor; the rules of the Commissioners are at variance with the statute; for instance, it is ordered that no policeman shall leave the City without informing the Mayor of the business, &c.; but this would in some cases entirely defeat the ends of justice, even to reveal the circumstances to him.

EX-JUSTICE ROOME'S TESTIMONY.

Ex-Justice Roome was next placed upon the stand. He served as Police Justice for three years from 1845. He testified as follows: I have from observation only a knowledge of the way in which the business of the Police Courts is at present conducted; from outward appearances it is about as it used to be.

"SKINNING."

Query—Do you know how counsel are supplied to prisoners?

Witness—I have been applied to by officers, but more frequently by friends of prisoners.

Query—Do you know of any brokerage being paid by lawyers to keepers of prisons and policemen for this service?

Witness—I know of such payments to both parties; I do not, however, personally know of such practice, nor have I paid anything of the kind during the past 18 months.

Query—This brokerage is paid with what object?

Witness—It is considered as a compensation to be given to the officer for giving one gentleman of the profession a preference before another; the amount paid is a per centage on the fee raised; it is no specific agreement, but seems to be arranged by a tacit understanding; the amount of the per centage paid by lawyers in these cases to be 33 per cent; this money is paid to detailed as well as to Ward officers; I have become so disgusted with the present practice that I do not go into the Tombs Court when I can help it; I am not informed that this practice still exists, but I believe that it is still carried on; I judge this from seeing the "Skinners" and officers in company, and afterwards observing what lawyers appear as counsel in such cases; I think I may safely say that this practice is still carried on; that is pretty generally known; no money is actually paid in these cases; it is only a loan made to the officer, to be paid back when called for; I have loaned several amounts of money in this way, but I have never yet seen fit to call for its return.

Query—When you say you took the money, it is on condition that the officer introduces you to business.

Witness—Certainly; undoubtedly; the general practice, so far as I have been able to observe, is that the justice be present during examinations; Judge Stearns almost invariably acted as magistrate and clerk both; I believe that Justice Clarke was

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FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE ST. LOUIS.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN DIFFICULTY.

The New British Colonial Secretary.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN PARIS.

INTERESTING WAR NEWS.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

By the arrival of the United States Company's steamship St. Louis, Capt. Worrell, [illegible] we have dates [illegible] to the 21st ult. Her news has, in a great measure, been anticipated by [illegible] at Halifax.

The [illegible] Amerika, which was wrecked on Calmette Point, on the 17th October, has been sold [illegible] and the vessel has been got off [illegible] by the English and French [illegible] by the blowing up of a per[illegible] of artillery, causing the death of 30 of the French troops, including 3 officers, and 100 wounded, including 10 officers. On the part [illegible] Sir E. Lyons announces [illegible] last, a flotilla, under the [illegible] destroyed an enormous [illegible] of this year's harvest, [illegible] Gortschakoff, ready to [illegible] the army in the Crimea and the [illegible]

The Paris Moniteur announces that the Czar has [illegible] Prince Dolgoroukoff from his office as Chief of the Staff and of the Imperial Convoys, and has appointed Adjutant-Gen. Anrep as his successor.

Intelligence from Marseilles states that Gen. Mollinedo, overcome by his defeat before Kars, has been superseded at Erzerum, and Gen. Bazinoff had been ordered from Tiflis to assume the command.

A dispatch from Berlin states that on the 9th inst., by order of the Emperor of Russia, St. Petersburg was declared to be no longer in a state of siege. The inhabitants of that city have, therefore, to a certain extent been relieved by the withdrawal of the Allied fleets from the Baltic. The Russian loan, so much talked of, has been concluded. The Swedish Government has also contracted a loan for three quarters of a million sterling, with the House of Hansa, of Berlin.

It was rumored that the French Government was negotiating, in common with Austria, for joint representations to other Governments in reference to political refugees.

Mr. Labouchere has been appointed Colonial Secretary in the place of Sir Wm. Molesworth deceased.

A terrible fire broke out in Paris, on the evening of the 16th inst., in one of the warehouses of the Manufacture of the Quai de Billy, in which a large quantity of grain and flour for the supply of the French army is constantly kept. The whole of the building was consumed, but the ovens used for baking the army bread and the adjoining storehouses were preserved. The quantity of corn destroyed is estimated at 12,000 quintals and that an equal quantity of flour and biscuit was consumed. There were many rumors afloat as to the cause of the fire.

The Australian bark Isabella, Captain Michael Watson, with fruit from Smyrna, for Boston, was wrecked near Cape Spartel. The master and his wife, 12 in number, were saved, and arrived at Tangier on the 19th of November.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Emperor's Speech at the Closing of the Exposition.

Political News and Gossip of Paris.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

PARIS, Thursday, Nov. 29, 1855.

I sent you by the last steamer a few hasty lines on the close of the Great Exhibition, written during the few moments of time which intervened between the termination of the ceremonies and the departure of the steamer's mail. The souvenirs of this great event, however, remain too fresh in the memory to be so lightly disposed of, and I return to the subject to relate you some incidents and impressions taken from a near view, which I hope may interest you as much as they did me.

THE EMPEROR'S VOICE.

There can be no doubt whatever that a very great portion of the enthusiasm which was manifested during the delivery of His Majesty's speech, was excited by the agreeable surprise at hearing so distinctly his voice in its pronunciation. It was a remark the performance in the way of declamation alone, and the astonishment of those around the throne was as great as that of the audience. But His Majesty had a political speech to make, which he intended should make an impression upon those who came to hear it. The Ministers of every important Government in Christendom stood near him; his audience was composed of the *élite* of his own people, and the intelligent of other nations. The occasion was propitious for a demonstration. So His Majesty, with the precaution which is usual to him, went to the Crystal Palace the day before, and directing one ear toward each corner of the immense nave, he took his place on the estrade in front of the throne, and tried his voice. He was as much astonished, perhaps, as any one to find that he was distinctly heard in the most remote parts, and so he resolved to try the experiment next day of delivering a speech to the crowd. He had never attempted it before, and except the few persons who heard him trying the experiment, no one anticipated such a result. His public speeches had always been delivered in a low tone of voice and were only heard by those in his immediate vicinity. The Prince NAPOLEON's speech, which preceded that of the Emperor, was not heard at all. I stood within sixty feet of the throne and almost in a direct line in front of it, and did not catch a word, and yet the Prince is a very large, robust man, and others in his person all the qualities of a good voice. When the Emperor pronounced the word "Gentlemen," it was in a tone so bold and clear that the whole house was startled; it was evident he was going to try to be heard all over the building, and at once every other voice was still. At the end of the first sentence such a shout arose as never before greeted the ears of Louis NAPOLEON; and as the sentence concluded nothing remarkable, it was clear enough that it was surprise at his declamation that called it forth. The surprise and the delight around the throne were equally great; the Empress whispered to the Duke of CASTIGLIONE; the Prince NAPOLEON to his father; the Ministers to one another, and all with a look of astonishment. As he progressed the enthusiasm increased, for the speech was not only beautiful and ultra-political, but it was well delivered, and was terminated in a storm of enthusiasm which would have done honor to the Empire Club in its palmiest days. The English, who occupied a prominent place in front, and numbered, perhaps, three thousand persons, stormed with a vehemence that astonished the Throne, and must have been suggestive of curious *souvenirs*, and agreeable political reflections. The French do not understand it, and from that day to this the frenetic applause of the English has not ceased to be the talk of the streets.

Of all the successful demagogues of modern times, NAPOLEON is the type, the chief, before whom all others are as nothing. His speech, beautiful and able from beginning to end, proves it. His recognition of the power of public opinion was intended for effect alone, and he prejudged well his audience, for a part of his speech was received with such a storm of applause. Politically, his speech was so well balanced between peace and war, that the bulls and bears of the Bourse did not know how to take it, and, although it was posted at the Bourse, during the hours for the transaction of business, no change whatever was effected by it. I should say, however, that the Government in the speech a declaration of war against Germany. The persistence with which he returned a second time to the charge certainly sustains this interpretation.

MOURNING OF THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER.

As soon as the Emperor's speech was finished, an extraordinary movement was observed amongst the chiefs of the Imperial Family. Some were looking for the [illegible] of the ceremonies. Some gentlemen seemed occupied with one thought only—that of making good their retreat, without attracting too much attention. The clear open space in front of the throne, by which they entered, was not to be thought of as a route of escape; neither were the two lateral isles, for they were conspicuous, and contrived as moving objects—do what their Excellencies, upon moving off through this route, would have been the centre of all eyes. The Count HATZFELDT, however, whose countenance looked clouded, did not hesitate long as to the route he should take; and giving a nod to the Baron HUBNER, who did not seem so much troubled under his dissimulating smile, started off over barriers that would have intimidated any body but a German diplomat with grave affairs of State on his mind. By climbing over seats and disarranging the carefully laid folds of diplomatic ladies' dresses, His Excellency succeeded in getting to the rear of the seats on the estrade occupied by the official bodies of State; and thus, by gliding along the wall and climbing at last a four-foot barrier, he found an exit into a part of the palace piled with bales of goods, but where his "passe-partout" removed all serious obstacles to further progress. The Baron HUBNER, more polite and more diplomatic, made adieus to those around him, and taking up the route of the now escaped Prussian Minister, went about the work of getting out, as if it was the most natural thing in the world. M. LEFEBVRE, Baron BILLAGE and Baron WARNER, soon followed; while the others remained a little while longer, till the confusion attendant upon the presentation of Indian shawls afforded a chance of escape, when they, too, retired. No doubt the Prussian and Austrian Ministers arrived first at the telegraph office; and from that time till night there was a monopoly of the telegraph by the diplomatic corps, sending home to their sovereigns NAPOLEON's speech and comments upon the impression which it made.

Lord COWLEY and the Pope's Nuncio, who had been holding a quiet tête-à-tête for the last half hour preceding the delivery of the speech, and were now standing together on the front of the platform, enjoyed the scene I have just described, with a good deal of relish. The British Minister no doubt knew in advance that His Majesty's speech would eschew art for politics, perhaps even know its contents, and he was therefore in a position to enjoy the consternation of his colleagues of the German States.

During the delivery of Prince NAPOLEON's address, the news of the great victory gained by OMER PASHA was brought in and handed to Count WALEWSKI, who was soon the centre of a circle of diplomats and court officers, eager to obtain the details. The Emperor's speech dispersed this knot of politicians and sent the Count back to his place at the head of the Cabinet Ministers, who were arranged behind the Throne.

THE EMPRESS AND HER ENTOURAGE.

Her Majesty, on ascending the platform in front of the throne, bowed very low and excessively formal, first to the right and then to the left. The EMPEROR did not bow, and thus while waiting for the Empress to make her salutation, looked, for once, at least, awkward. Her Majesty wore a diadem of pearls, and a *dress of scarlet velvet*, over the skirt of which was hung the prize lace for which Her Majesty some time ago offered a premium. The dress was magnificent, and was enormously hooped; it would have sufficed to cover a whole family of children. This defect, however, was slightly relieved by some of the Maids of Honor, who followed, though at a remote distance, and in a diminished degree, the exaggerations of Her Majesty's toilette. The physiological sympathies of the female system are as curious as the arts of a French milliner are wonderful!

At the side of the Empress stood the Duke of CAMBRIDGE, cousin to Queen VICTORIA, with bald head, enormous beard, mocking eyes, the inevitable red coat, and the grand cordon of the Legion of Honor. Beside the Duke stood the Princess MATHILDE, covered with pearls and diamonds, as usual, with maroon velvet robe and *point d'Alençon* lace, and no hoops; the princess never wears hoops. Near the Princess stood the Marchioness DE LAS MARIMMAS, the Duchess DE MONTEBELLO, the Duchess DE BASSANO, the Baroness DE PICHER. On the diplomatic side Mrs. MASON, in light silk dress and lace mantelet, occupied the first line of seats, while her two daughters, according to rule, were in the second. For some reason or other, a glacial coolness pervaded the ladies of the diplomatic corps, which even the exciting ceremonies of the day did not affect. It may have been jealousy that made the ladies seem so strange to each other, for certainly the group of secretaries and *attachés* who persisted in promenading in their near neighborhood, much to the annoyance of those near me, were as handsome a collection of men as one often sees in any country. I regretted to see a large number of painted ladies.

Amongst the notabilities on the platform were the MURATS, several of the Italian BONAPARTES, Admiral HAMELIN, Marshals MAGNAN and CASTELLANE, Gen. ST. JEAN D'ANGELY, M. PERSIGNY, Baron ROTHSCHILD, Col. FLEURY, the Duke DE BASSANO and Cols. TERRIEL and MCDONALD of the British service. One saw besides all nationalities, all types, all characters, and heard all tongues; every uniform too was here represented; Austrians all white, English all red, Sardinians, green. Spaniards violet, Turkish turbans, noble Austrian Guards, Prussian Chasseurs, Highlanders, Horse Guards, Sardinian Voltigeurs, Belgian Chasseurs. Gold lace and gummed moustaches never before had such a holiday.

THE LAUREATES UNDER THE BANNERS.

In one of the lateral isles, with its head terminating near the front of the throne, stood a long procession arranged under thirty-one banners, and numbering 275 persons. This procession embraced the laureates of the Exhibition, and never before did so formidable an array stand on so small a space of ground. Each banner bore the number of its class, painted on a design of the Grand Medal of Honor, and under it was grouped the remarkable men in each class of industry or the fine arts who were to receive either the decoration of the Legion of Honor or a Grand Medal of Honor, or both. They were there arranged to receive from the hands of the Chief of State of the French nation a distinction which was to elevate them to a position above the rest of their competitors in this great World's concours. In this collection, I noticed, as they passed to approach the Emperor, and receive their recompense, Horace Vernet, Delaroix, Jugres, Landseer, Decampe, Sir Charles Barry, Mr. Faraday, Dr. Niel, Arnott, Robert Napier, P. Stephenson, Dr. Royle, names which belong to the world of arts and science. Two Americans were prominent in this body of men, CHARLES GOODYEAR, the well-known inventor of the vulcanized india rubber, and Mr. MCKEEGEN, the able and gentlemanly representative in Europe of Mr. MCCORMICK. In the presence of the works of art which had gained for these men their distinction, and in presence of such an immense crowd of witnesses from all parts of the world, there was a grandeur in this ceremony of presenting distinctions which carried one back to the days of Roman Emperors and Roman art. It was a fitting glory for the men who had toiled up to the position they occupied, and served as a recompense for a life spent in the advancement of civilization.

CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

On the extreme right, for some reason or other, the architect whose duty it was to assign space for the different nations and hang their flags, had placed the United States and Prussia together; and thus, whether intentionally, or as a coincidence, the black eagle of Prussia and the stars and stripes of the United States (two friends of Russia) were joined together by their staffs, and floated proudly over the arms of France.

THERE "CHEVALIERS D'INDUSTRIE."

Three Americans, as I have already announced to you, received from the Emperor, by the hands of Prince NAPOLEON, the title of Chevalier in the Legion of Honor, "for services rendered to art and science in the *Palais de l'Industrie*." I met a friend the morning after the presentation of these honors, who exclaimed to me, in a perfectly serious air, "Do you know there are three American '*Chevaliers d'Industrie*' in town?" I said, "No!" very energetically, when the rascal horrified me by pronouncing the names of my three friends, VALENTINE, WOOD and VATTEMARE!

One of these gentlemen, whom I was congratulating on his new honor, had an odd way of explaining how he happened to wear the prodigal toy. He said, "I was coming out without it, but my wife called after me with it in her hand and begged me so pathetically to put it on, that (to use his own phrase) *I did it*!" Modest man!

Pistpoets.

WAS NAPOLEON DRUNK OR SOBER?

After the presentation ceremonies, the Emperor and Empress, accompanied by the Prince NAPOLEON, the Duke of Cambridge and other persons of their suite, descended from the platform and made a tour of the lateral isles to inspect the objects which had gained the prize medals. Arrived in front of the American department where Mr. GOODYEAR had tastefully displayed a variety of household furniture, musical instruments and toilet articles made of vulcanized India rubber, Her Majesty turned to the Prince NAPOLEON, who was close on the occasion. (His Highness having made two scientific voyages through the Palace, *vide* the Catalogue of the *Livraison Nouvelle*,) and demanded,

"*Qu'est-ce que c'est que cela?*"

"*Ca?*"

"*Oui.*"

"*C'est de l'Amérique.*"

"*Mais, qu'est-ce que c'est que cela, donc?*"

"*C'est du.....c'est la dernière invention de ce pays d'ici!*"

Oh, Prince!

Just then, to the Prince's relief, a little dried-up old woman, in the gallery overhead, cried out in a shrill child's voice, when all else was still, "*Vive l'Empereur!*" "*Vive l'Empereur!*" Every one, their Majesties included, suddenly turned their faces upward to see where the shrill apostrophe came from. A smile spread over the countenances of the party when the old woman, encouraged by this evidence of her success, drew triumphantly from her pocket a yellow handkerchief, and waving it in the air, continued her ludicrous exercise till "the pit" whistled her down.

In the confusion, the Prince (who had made the two scientific voyages through the Exhibition) escaped an explanation on the beautiful collection of Mr. GOODYEAR, and the little old woman, in consequence, will receive, with the man who certified to the Prince's bad health in the Crimea, and the two elephants who stand on their heads at the circus, and the giraffe at the Garden of Plants, who had four young ones in a year, the decoration of the Legion of Honor!

THE FALL OF THE TOURNIQUET!

Every one will recollect the *Tourniquet*, or turnstyle, placed at the entrances of the Exhibition, to count, independently of every one but the person who carried the key of the instrument, each person who enters. Well, what use do you suppose is to be made of the *Tourniquet*, now that its legitimate occupation is gone? A jealous husband has bought it to place at his wife's door when he goes out!

MALAKOFF.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Seat of War at Covent Garden—The Opinions of Sir Colin Campbell—Explosion at Inkermann—The Colonies Knocked Down—Signs of the Time—The Polish Legion—The Hungarian Generals—Allen Bill—L'Homme Published in London.

LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1855.

The theatre of war in Europe belongs entirely to General JULLIEN, and many a "hero," (they are as plentiful as blackberries and equally cheap,) who came home on "urgent private business," may be found out doing night-duty in the (not rifle) pits before "the fall of Sebastopol," the great descriptive quadrille of the siege. This new production of JULLIEN's is very like all his other "battle-pieces," with more noise and less music in it. As the storm succeeds the calm, (says the programme,) a tremendous burst from a thousand cannon, and the enthusiastic war cries of the besiegers, mingled in one giant voice, are heard along the lines." Whoever, having read this, was bold enough to go near the trenches of Covent Garden, must have been prepared—forewarned is to be forearmed—to endure the most terrible *charivari* ever heard of. The assault itself, as pictured in the above words, is, however, not by any means the *ne plus ultra* of this nondescript, though describing, music. The "confusion worse confounded" comes at the end, after "the day is decided," and the Russians begin to retreat. But this must be given in the official words of the Marshal's bulletin itself:

"The flames which from each part of the town and bay spread their lurid light on the neighboring hills, mingled with the deafening noise (truly so) of the exploding mines, (of JULLIEN's face,) of the roar of the cannon, the whistling of the bullets, the hurtling of the (oyster) shells, the rattling of the tom drums, the shrill sound of the trumpets, the (myself among the number,) and the shouts of the victors, seem to form (this expression is too modest by half, because they do really form) *an ensemble* given to the conquerors as the climax of this memorable siege"—and this musical humbug.

I go often to Covent Garden, but I always hasten to evacuate the place, and to retreat to the newsroom at the first attempt of Mr. JULLIEN to begin his work of destruction against all taste and common sense.

From the seat of real war, there is nothing of interest. Sir COLIN CAMPBELL has already arrived, and made his reappearance in the United Service Club, the members of which are preparing to give a grand banquet in honor of the gallant soldier. I hear that Sir COLIN CAMPBELL does not in the least disguise his discontent with COWLEY's appointment to the chief command, for which he believes him to be entirely unfit. He may do well—is Sir COLIN stated to have remarked—during the Winter months of inactivity, when all that he is expected to do is to pay his compliments to Marshal PELISSIER, but as to his qualifications to command in the field, that is a different thing. Sir COLIN has no intention of returning to the Crimea.

The terrible explosion in the French Artillery Park at Inkermann, followed as it was by so much destruction of human life and property, gives rise to suspicions of incendiarism. Officers recently returned from the Crimea declare, however, their conviction that the catastrophe was caused by carelessness, which, according to opinions expressed by many of these gentlemen in my presence, is prevalent in both camps to a very formidable degree.

The Colonies have at last found an official head. They have been knocked down to Mr. LABOUCHERE, who is of half French and half American descent, and has been a member of former ministries. Mr. LABOUCHERE is a Whig and a very wealthy man. He is Member for Taunton, and must now be reelected—a necessity by which the public will be enabled to learn his views on the war. The Duke of NEWCASTLE has thought it prudent to decline the favor offered. Prince ALBERT has gone to Birmingham to lay a foundation stone, and to say something about the war. NAPOLEON's speech to that effect has met with much approval on this side of the Channel. Many people believe that this speech is the last warning to the German Powers. However that may be, sure it is, that there are signs telling of some change in the character of the war. At a meeting to celebrate the first anniversary of Lord DUDLEY STUART's death, we have been told by Count ZAMOYSKY, that he is empowered to organize a distinct body of Polish force, to be called the "Sultan's Cossacks," but paid by and standing under the orders of the English Government. This is a sign, though a covert one. On the other hand, we hear the names of KOSSUTH, KOULMAS and STEIN, the Hungarian Generals, becoming more and more familiar with the public, the sympathies of which for the cause of the nationalities cannot but be roused by the aid received from these exiles in the war against Russia. The introduction of the Alien bill would, to be sure, revert the significance of these *feelings* with the revolutionary element, and I am told that the bill will be brought in for certain, in spite of meetings to the contrary. There was a meeting of this sort in Finsbury. It resulted in the usual protest. *L'Homme* has appeared this day in London, with nothing very interesting or new in its pages. The Emperor of Austria has published his shame—the Concordat; and the King of Prussia has restored those "ancient immunities" of the nobility which were abolished in 1848. How delightfully the world is progressing under the enlightened guidance of European Monarchy! Verily, one might imagine they are working to render the next explosion of the politico-social volcano one of unprecedented violence.

The Emperor ALEXANDER has not only been in the Crimea, but he has actually visited the northern half of Sebastopol, and went also to Makenzie's Heights. We shall hear more of this imperial journey by-and-by.

The Anglo-American Difficulty—The Cause Attributed to an Electioneering Device—British View of the Excitement in this Country.

From the London Times, Nov. 20.

We have not had long to wait for the verification of the opinion which we expressed a little while ago as to the true origin of that warlike spirit which seems so suddenly and so inopportunely to have taken possession of the Government of the United States. The great majority of the whole United States being for the peace and intelligent to be influenced by the grounds of quarrel, the real object of the present Congress appears to be to secure the reversionary composition of the Upper House, the power that is placed in their hands for the public good is abused and perverted for the purpose of influencing the coming appointment of President, and, although the end aimed at is a base one, but only so much warlike enthusiasm as may be required to give votes and popularity in the coming contest, yet we verily believe that war itself—yes, war between the United States and England, with its ruinous losses, its fearful conflicts, and its absolute certainty of an inconclusive and profitless result—appears to have been entered on by General Pierce, Mr. Marcy, or Mr. Cushing, on a relatively smaller calculation of the chances, than they would have, and the transfer of the management of public affairs to other hands. Some very uncomfortable reflections cannot but suggest themselves to us as arising out of this state of things. The fact is that we cannot hope by any amount of remonstrance to pacify or reconcile a Government actuated by such motives and objects. Were a warlike demonstration against England really a portion of the foreign policy of the United States for the purpose of carrying out objects—however visionary or wrong-headed, we should know what to do and how to deal with it. We should concede and give way, if concession were possible and honorable, and, if not, we should endeavor to convince those who seek it (guessed with so that they have more to lose than to gain by forcing us to the final arbitrament of war. But what can we do with a Government whose foreign policy is really no policy at all, but merely an electioneering trick, which, so far from representing its own citizens, is really playing us off against them, and seeking to put us in the most invidious light, not from any deep-seated or well-grounded animosity, but merely that it may make a good thing out of the excited feeling of its own subjects? So long as the Government is really and *bona fide* acting for what it believes the interest of its own subjects, so long as it really has a foreign policy, however wrong-headed and perverse, it is entitled to respect and consideration; but when its foreign policy is found to be all, but a mere trick played off for the purpose of a coming election, we cannot but feel that there is some grave defect in the theory or working of institutions which thus permit the most precious interests of nations to be trifled with and blustered away.

The truth is, that for a very considerable number of years the successful candidate for the Presidential chair has had to look to foreign politics as his passport to place and power. On internal questions public opinion in America is now so much divided, that to give a decided adhesion to any party is to rouse the most furious opposition from every other; but a popular commander like JACKSON, HARRISON or TAYLOR, or a person identified with some great external movement, as Mr. POLK was with the annexation of Texas, can unite parties disagreeing on internal politics and find in the cry of war or annexation a rallying point which no merely internal question can give him. The Ministry of General PIERCE was formed on the principle of annexing Cuba and giving the fullest development to that questionable spirit of enterprise which has extended itself so much during late years among the more unsettled classes of the United States. His Presidency is now drawing to a close, and nothing has been done towards realizing the flaming professions with which it was inaugurated. If the game is not to be given up wholly for lost the few months that remain must be diligently employed, for the Government of Mr. PIERCE is discredited, and, unless something can be done to reanimate popular enthusiasm in his favor, he stands no chance of reelection. Surely, one of the main objects of popular institutions is to secure a perfect sympathy between the governor and the governed, so that while Kings and Queens are plotting for their own dynastic interests, the Chief Magistrate of a Republic may have no end in view but the renown of his own Administration and the public good. But how can this be accomplished, if from the beginning to the end of his quadrennial term of office the President is to be thinking of nothing else but how he can so manage that office as to procure his reelection for another four years? It was not for the sake of giving him the opportunity of an advantageous canvass, but for the general good of the State, that the American people elected their President, and that trust is as much betrayed if it be bartered away for popular suffrages as if it were sold under the most vulgar and open conditions of venality. It would be really well worth considering in the interests of peace and amity with all the world, in the preservation of which no community is more deeply concerned than the United States, whether it might not be well to take away this temptation to foreign aggression for electioneering purposes from future Presidents and Cabinets, by disqualifying the existing President and his Ministers from being candidates for their offices at the next election. The secret has been found out, that it is by foreign wars or foreign disputes that a majority of votes is to be obtained, and that so long as the existing President is also an embryo candidate, wars or disputes are sure to be provided to order, and supplied in quick succession, so long as the demand continues.

We turn from this painful exhibition of wanton and narrow-minded selfishness, this sporting with the welfare of two great nations, to the more agreeable contemplation of the manner in which a free press is made to temper the evils and irregularities of a free government. In the pages of independent American journals, we find the shameful and heartless policy of getting up a war for the sake of an election exposed with the utmost freedom and boldness; every motive is unveiled, every pretence is analyzed, and the whole imposture is laid bare to the eyes of the nation with a force and clearness which we would fondly hope rob it of every chance of success. It is thus that, in free discussion, we find the remedy for such evils as grow side by side with the enormous advantages of the free and unfettered action of large masses of men. If the American Government assumes the ignoble office of deluding its subjects, it is at any rate gratifying to think that there is a twin power in the State—a free and enlightened Press—capable of restraining this license within the bounds of reason and moderation. Against the conduct of the Government of General PIERCE with regard to this country, the firm friend and well-wisher of the American Republican—against the insulting missives of his Foreign Secretary, and the still more insulting manifestoes of his Attorney-General, we confidently appeal to the good sense of the American Nation itself, which we are convinced can neither wish to fasten a causeless quarrel upon a friendly and powerful State, nor to see its institutions degraded in the eyes of foreign nations by being made subservient to the greed and selfishness of factions or individuals.

The United States and Great Britain—Another Letter from "a 'States'-Man."

To the Editor of the London Times:

SIR: When OXENSTIERN, the Chancellor of Sweden, whom CROMWELL called "the great wise man of the Continent," was about to send his son on a visit to foreign Courts, he said to him, "Go and see by what fools the world is governed;" and, if the dead could speak, might not we in our day hear the self-same lips exclaiming, "Go and see by what consummate folly the world is set and kept on fire?"

According to English authority, the rulers of three great nations, superficially regarding the current of events and neglecting the tide of the times, have allowed their countries to "drift into a war" which, in spite of attempts to "make the worse appear the better reason," many wise and experienced men think might have been warded off indefinitely, without detriment to freedom or to civilization, but which now, though man may continue it, Heaven or accident alone can ever bring to a close. While thus repeating what others say, I admit that an American—whatever may be his sympathies—has no excuse for meddling in the gigantic tragedy of the age, except so far as the rights of his own country may be concerned. But the neutral rights of his country, by English confession, have been violated, and that, too, with premeditation, on American soil; and though there is no proof yet that this violation carried with it an intent to slight or offend the American Government or people, a summary vindication of public law became necessary. In attempting this there was no delay, and if then the flagrant error committed had been frankly acknowledged, with suitable apology and atonement—of which we have heard much, but know nothing—even the semblance of a quarrel would never have appeared. But no! the occasion to serve some crooked purpose of their own was too tempting for such men as OXENSTIERNAS described; hence the sharp practice so lately witnessed, which has set a deal of blood in motion, provoked unseemly language, and revived unwelcome reminiscences.

While some assert that the American Attorney-General wrote certain letters on speculation for a rise in the political market—letters, by the by, from one officer of the Government to another, and therefore beyond the precincts of every foreign tribunal—others suggest that the English Prime Minister sent his ships across the Atlantic to operate on the nerves of the corn-holders for a fall—a menace, whatever may have been the motive, directed against the most sensitive portion of the American coast, which imperatively demands, under existing circumstances, the amplest satisfaction. For it is now generally conceded, I believe, that the United States cannot be dragooned, as Greece was, in this Don Pacifico squabble, and surely no sane man seriously apprehends the invasion of Ireland or Cuba, by the American Government itself, or by any body of misguided men, whom, if my recollection of a certain Boulogne expedition fail not, that Government is quite as able and willing as the English to circumvent.

Notwithstanding, however, the "consummate folly" recently exhibited in high quarters, it is not probable that the late disreputable bickerings will produce any worse mischief, than what you yourself have already indicated as the disastrous consequence, at some future day, of habitually playing with edged tools by the present generation. And yet, shou d our blustering and blundering official "gentlemanist" succeed in embroiling two nations which are under every possible bond to keep the peace towards each other, truth to tell, there would not be much more cause for wonder than in the contest which, every day we live, is turning the riches of man to noughts, and sending the owner of them unhuzzelled to his last account.

Every legitimate cause of dissension between England and the United States having been some time ago removed, those Powers, if forced into a fight by snarling and bullying politicians, must, to be logical, continue to fight on till, wearied and disgusted at their own unnatural collision, they are ready to say, like children in the fairy tale, unless, perchance, they should easily resolve to preserve the peace, as in Kilkenny, Sabbath, the cats ate of such a variance would be desperately killed; but in political point of view, if the experiment were not of too long duration, America would, perhaps, be benefited, for this country stands to need a little rough correction from without now and then to inculcate on her too happy children the "value of the Union," and to weld anew the State links, which are apt to lose somewhat of their tenacity in the atmosphere of a long uninterrupted peace.

And, even materially speaking, it is not so clear that the more youthful of the parties would be the greater sufferer. The American commercial marine would probably be damaged, as it was in the war of 1812, to the extent of about 25 per cent; portions of the seaboard might be plundered and laid waste, and the blood of millions might, a second time, be made to boil over the flagrant and desecrated capitol. But, to more than balance such wholesale devastation—which, however, could be easily remedied, though not forgotten—how would England fare, and what would be her compensation? For every American dollar destroyed, she would forfeit, directly or indirectly, the fifth of a pound sterling; and whether her colonial possessions remained untouched or not by hostile foot, what would be her condition, at best, even if safe from foreign aggression, with everything stagnant save the unbridled passions of thousands of workmen without work? Why, unless she could grow corn in her streets, and rake up cotton from the seashore, her parks, her halls, nay, her very fireSIDES, would be invaded by a host of the naked, whom no tricks of office could cover, and of the starving, whom no honeyed words of statecraft send empty away.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

PARIS. A "STATES"-MAN.

Reasons why England is opposed and France in favor of extending the Alliance against Russia.

The following somewhat remarkable article is from the *Ost-Deutsche Post*, professedly Anti-Russian. It will enable the reader to form a correct idea of the degree of sympathy felt for England in Austrian official circles. The article says:

"Since the beginning of the war the French diplomacy has been intent on extending the alliance formed against Russia. M. DROUYN DE LHUYS attached far more importance to a great coalition against Russia than to any feats of arms which might be performed in the Crimea. That statesman therefore treated with the German, Scandinavian, Dutch, Spanish, and Sardinian Courts, and up to a certain point his endeavors to strengthen the coalition succeeded. But how is it that France has not been able to persuade any one of the larger European States to conclude a treaty of alliance with her? The true reason is, that England has only supported the efforts of France in a lukewarm way, or with ill-concealed repugnance. 'England wants mercenaries and foreign legions, but not alliances,' said a well-known French statesman in the month of August last. The alliance with Sardinia suited England, because that Government was willing to obey her behests; but such is not the case with Germany, Sweden, &c. It was not by the exertions of England that the treaty of Dec. 2, 1854, was concluded, and it certainly is still maintained in principle. The Eastern question is more particularly of importance to England in a naval point of view, and she is desirous that no other European affairs should be mixed up with it. She is willing to wage war to the knife against the Russian establishments in the Black Sea, but she is resolved not to enter into any continental engagements. As the force of circumstances has allied England to a Power possessing one of the most powerful and best armies in the world, the moral and even the material support of the other European States is not of such value as to induce her to make any great sacrifices to obtain it. In her alliance with France, England acts on the principle that it is wise never to lose sight of the fact that the friend of to-day may be an enemy to-morrow, and, therefore, whenever the French Government endeavors to secure a new member for the coalition, 'the British Cabinet displays suspicion, coldness and reserve, and if it takes one step forward it does not fail to take two in the opposite direction.' In as far as the future freedom of the Black Sea is concerned, England is the more positive of the Western Powers. France is still inclined to listen to reasonable propositions, but England is desirous to continue the war until Kherson, Nicolaieff, Odessa, and every place in which a Russian vessel can find shelter shall have been destroyed. In continental matters, on the contrary, the British Government is extremely conservative. The grand phrases employed in some of the organs of the British press about Poland and the Nationalities are mere humbug, and are the tirades against Austria and Prussia; for Lord PALMERSTON is as little inclined as is Mr. GLADSTONE to increase the influence of France by means of an alliance with Germany. If England had really wished to secure the co-operation of the German Bund she might have had it. When Austria, in consequence of the intimate relations with France, concluded the treaty of alliance on the 2d of December, a British Minister rose in the House and declared that the time for paying subsidies was over, 'although Austria had never let fall a word about subsidies.' From what has already been said, it will be seen why France does not succeed in her attempts to form alliances with the larger European States. Gen CANROBERT has met with a brilliant reception, but we doubt whether he will succeed, 'as we miss the representative of Great Britain.'"

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The New British Colonial Secretary.

The London *Times* says: "This department, unhappily vacated by the death of Sir WILLIAM MOLESWORTH, after being refused, as our readers know, by Lord STANLEY, and after being also refused by Mr. SIDNEY HERBERT, has been offered to Mr. LABOUCHERE, and accepted by him. That the name of this gentleman should have been mentioned from the first day of the vacancy, and that the office should, nevertheless, have been offered meanwhile to at least two other statesmen, in opposition to the Government and to one another, is a fact that speaks for itself. Notwithstanding all that is said about liberality, fusion, comprehension and other large ideas, when the moment arrives they generally give way to the actual force of political connection, or "party," as we suppose it must be called. Lord PALMERSTON has fallen back on a trustworthy and competent man, who will transact the business of his department with regularity, and perhaps with dispatch. There cannot be very much to do in it, or at least there is not much that requires the anxious consideration of the chief, if we are to judge from the way in which the office has been knocked about for the last twelvemonth. Mr. LABOUCHERE, we think, is the fifth Secretary within that brief period, nay, virtually the sixth, as Sir GEORGE GREY held the reins for Lord JOHN RUSSELL while he was away at Vienna. As there has been no very loud complaint as yet from the persons most interested in the colonies, none at least so loud as when one energetic mind was concentrated for several years on the government of the colonies, it may fairly be concluded that a respectable man of business will answer the purpose. We don't attempt to govern the colonies in the old sense of the word. We allow them to govern themselves, and it is only within a very limited range that there can arise any discrepancy between colonial and imperial legislation. The discrepancy, when it occurs, is commonly a case for lawyers, not for statesmen. Even on the very important question of colonial constitutions the only object is to find what really best suits the wishes and the wants of the colonists themselves, as we no longer aim to force upon them the model of the British Constitution, or any theoretical plan.

But, though the Colonies no longer want a master mind, or an inventive genius, or a splendid administrator, or a heaven-sent law-giver, perhaps it will be said that Lord PALMERSTON wants a little more ministerial eloquence in the Commons. How is it that all the clever fellows—all the men who can make speeches—are on the other side, or, to speak more correctly, on the other sides, of the House? We think the question is one for the clever fellows themselves to answer. So far as government is concerned, there happens to be no great call for eloquence just now. The only thing the nation cares about is the war, which is a matter not of rhetoric, or of exposition, but of fighting, backed, of course, by a good administration at home. The nation does not want hounding on to a war which it has understaken itself with the utmost good-will, and which it is prepared to carry on with the greatest perseverance. The ministerial defence is to come, not from the Treasury bench, but from the seat of war, in the laconic style of the electric telegraph.

Terrible Fire in Paris.

The *Constitutionnel* says:

"The Manutention des Vivres de la Guerre, in which a great portion of the bread for the army in the East has been made, lies 200 or 400 yards beyond the end of the long gallery of machines of the Universal Exhibition, and is near the large water-works of Chaillot and immense engine manufactory of Durome et Gail. The fire broke out with extreme violence in the part of the building facing the Trocadero. This part was built in 1840, and formed a vast parallelogram, three stories high. In it were collected a quantity of wheat and flour; in it, also, were 14 or 16 pairs of millstones for grinding wheat, a steam engine for working an apparatus for facilitating grinding operations, various utensils, and some objects of equipment. The other part, which is older, having been constructed under the Ministry of Marshal Soum, in 1836, is situated to the east—that is, facing Paris; it is separated from the other pile of buildings by a sort of narrow lane, which is crossed by means of movable bridges. In it are made the bread and biscuits not only of the garrison of Paris, but that of the first military division. On the ground-floor of the old building, on the side nearest Paris is a post of firemen. As soon as the fire was perceived, messengers were dispatched to the Ecole Militaire and the barracks of the firemen for assistance; crowds of people also flocked to the scene of the disaster. The fire spread with such violence that at 1 o'clock all the building was in flames, in spite of the large quantity of water thrown by 15 or 20 engines. The Minister of War, the Minister of the Interior, M. OBLIEU-MALESHERBES, the Prefect of the Police, and the commander of the firemen also arrived. The fire was extended to the south of the second part of the Manutention and of the house on the opposite side, and contained a quantity of timber on the centre of the Place d'Alma. The fire was got under, and only the bare walls of the building remained standing, surrounded, unscathed. Detachments of firemen and soldiers passed the night on the scene of the conflagration. The building is said to have cost 2,000,000f., and the wasted and burnt wheat and flour are estimated to be worth an equal sum. In the course of the conflagration it is said that some persons were injured."

More the Consequence.

The Constantinople correspondent of the London *Times* says:

"The disturbance between French and Turkish soldiers, to which I lately referred in my last, appears to have commenced with a blow given by one of the latter to one of the former. It occurred near Seraglio Point, and the Turkishman was accused of having forced their way into the French Hospital and ill-treated the sick. Two French soldiers were killed in the encounter that took place, and others are said to be wounded and missing. Several Turkishmen

THE MURDER HALL TRIAL.

Trial of James Baker for the Murder of William Poole.

THIRTEENTH DAY—THE PRISONER.

Testimony on the Character of Poole and Baker.

The Difference between a Fighter and a Pugilist.

NINTH DAY.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Thursday, Dec. 6.

The day was occupied in further testimony in relation to the character of Poole and Baker.

The first witness called was

Stephen A. Cornell—I am a builder; I have been a member of Congress; I know James Baker; I have known him for twelve or fourteen years; I have seen him almost every day; I have seen him after the affray at Stanwix Hall; so far as they immediately succeeded that affray, I have thought that his character was that of a peaceable man; I have known Poole; I have seen him; I have seen him in the Bowery; I have seen him in the Tombs; I have seen him in the Court-room

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[illegible] will be issued [illegible] for the ensuing session of Congress; a complete Summary of Congressional and Foreign Intelligence since the departure of the last steamer; Editorial Articles on the subjects of the day; News Items of interest from all parts of the United States; full Commercial Summary; Reports of Public Meetings, Marriages, Deaths, &c. The mails will close at 1 o'clock, [illegible] ready for mailing, [illegible] will please send in their orders early.

Congress.

[illegible] of Representatives, it will be seen, [illegible] no progress towards an organization. The twenty-first ballot for Speaker finds them [illegible] a choice than the first. This delay, in face of the fact that the Anti-Administration party have a clear majority, is ominous of [illegible] and harmony of action [illegible] Personal preferences are all that [illegible] them in choosing a Speaker. If the [illegible] are so obstinate in adhering to those [illegible] what reason have we to hope that they will be less so when questions of principle [illegible]

From Europe.

By the *St. Louis* from Havre and Southampton we have received London papers to the 21st ult. The intelligence that she brings has been [illegible] anticipated by the arrival of the [illegible] news, of three days' later date, [illegible] from Halifax, and published in [illegible] time. We find but little interest [illegible] in our foreign files. An article [illegible] on the alleged difficulty [illegible] United States and England will [illegible] attention. A most destructive fire had occurred in Paris, by which an immense amount of provisions, destined for the Crimea, and [illegible] over two millions of francs, was totally destroyed.

The *Arabia*'s mails reached the City about [illegible] this morning. We find little in our [illegible] beyond the very full summary of news telegraphed from Halifax. Such extracts [illegible] the lateness of the hour has permitted us to [illegible] will be found in another place.

The Irish Stampede.

The Irish Convention, which has been in session at the Astor House for two or three days past, closed its labors yesterday. Besides complaining of the DAILY TIMES for reporting portions of its proceedings, which it designed to keep secret, it did little beyond the adoption of an Address and Resolutions, which will be found at length in another part of this sheet. These documents are evidently to be regarded as embodying an authentic statement of the design and scope of the movement.

The Convention was composed of Irishmen who have become citizens of the United States. Its object is declared to be to aid Ireland in the achievement of her independence. And yet it will be noted that the most important part of the Address is an earnest exhortation to the People of Ireland to make the attempt,—followed by an elaborate argument to show that they, the People of Ireland aforesaid,—must be in favor of independence, and must be willing, all appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, to resolve and in the endeavor to achieve it, from Irishmen in the United States.

The London *Times*, we trust, will be tranquillized by the assurances contained in this Address. The Irish in America, it will be seen, have no thought of invading Great Britain. They only intend to go to the help of the Irish in Ireland, after the latter shall have raised the standard of rebellion, and done something to show that they mean to stand by it;—and their first task is, to persuade the Irish in Ireland to take that trifling preliminary step.

Now, it is the necessity of this exhortation which makes the whole movement ridiculous. If Ireland were in arms, and her people resolute and united in the effort to throw off English rule, it would be natural and proper that Irishmen in this country, laying aside their American citizenship, should go to their help. But if they must first rouse the Irish to rebellion by speeches and rhetoric, the whole thing becomes a farce. The truth is, the people of Ireland have no thought of rebellion. The great body of their forefathers had any heart for it. They have been stirred up to rebellious demonstrations now and then by ambitious and eloquent leaders; but they have never shown any willingness to encounter the sufferings of civil war, for the sake of independence. And never were they less disposed to do so than now. Their leaders have disappeared. They are either dead or exiled, and have ceased to stir up the Irish to useless and mischievous mutiny. So far as we can judge from appearances, they are not deeply regretted. The people seem to be much more peaceable, prosperous and happy without them than with them. They have never been in better condition than they seem to be at present. We hear nothing of rebellious gathering of starvation, and very little of crime among them. They seem to have discovered that it is possible to be happy, even under British rule, and that the chance of being [illegible] is better than the certain evils that follow an attempt to throw it off. We see no reason to doubt the truth of the statements that have reached us that an army calling for Ireland for the purpose of freeing it from the English Government, would find its first enemy among the Irish themselves.

The Irish in America can spend their time and energies to much better advantage than in the vain attempt to drive their brethren at home into a renewal of those rash and bloody rebellions from which they have suffered so much already. Let them remember that they are now Americans; that their first duties are to this, their adopted country;—and that they are not acting the part of good citizens in striving to arouse among us the hatreds which made them exiles, and to avenge here the wrongs they may have suffered at home.

England and America.

We had supposed that the causeless panic created in London by the terrific articles in the *Times* in relation to this country, and the assumed hostile intentions of our Government and people, had entirely subsided, and that the utter groundlessness of the rumors put in circulation by our English namesake was acknowledged. But it seems that the *Times* still rolls its pet absurdity, like a sweet morsel, under its tongue, and though it no longer accuses our people of a design to invade Ireland, or to fit out privateers with Russian commissions to intercept British mail steamers, yet it still persists that our Government is insulting England, and attempting to create a prejudice against her as a mere electioneering trick to secure the renomination and election of President PIERCE.

We should be at a loss to know how our cotemporary across the Atlantic had contrived to learn a fact which nobody had discovered here, had it not stated that the *New-York Herald* furnished the information. The *Times* should now and then take a look at some other American newspaper, if it wishes to learn the true state of popular feeling in this country. But finding in one of the escapades of a paper which is notoriously waging a personal warfare against the President and his Cabinet, an accusation pointed at the Attorney-General, the *Times* assumes that it is as true as Gospel; and, taking it for a text, continues its outpourings of eloquent angle against our Government.

Let President PIERCE's Administration be guilty of what offences it may, nobody but the *Herald* has dreamed of accusing either of its members of a disposition to make a war with England, or even to appear to be anxious for anything of the kind. We can hardly believe that the *Times* has been deceived, but chooses to offer as an apology for its own mistake, a squib which it finds in the columns of an American paper.

When the *Times* speaks of "the threatening and insulting tone adopted by the Government of the United States, in their recent communications with England," it is very strange that, instead of giving some evidence that such a tone had ever been adopted, it merely infers that such has been the case from a paragraph in the *Herald*.

There is one part of the *Times*' article which contains too much truth, and we commend the following extract to the consideration of those who will perfectly understand it and feel its force and truthfulness:

"America is a great Alsatia, in which political refugees and criminals guilty of less honorable offences find shelter and welcome. By the singularity of her law of naturalization, the man who entered her territory as a refugee may, in two or three years, aspire to the dignity of a citizen or a legislator. Were the English law similar to that of the States, M. VICTOR HUGO might now be contesting with Sir CHARLES NAPIER the representation of Southwark, and Citizen PYAT aspiring to become the colleague of Mr. HAWES for the borough of Wells. Thus it comes to pass that adventurers of every description—French Socialists and Jacobins, Italian Red Republicans, Hungarians and Poles, driven into frantic hatred of all Government by Austrian or Russian tyranny—refugees from every country in Europe, and adventurers, pirates and filibusters from every country in the world, and last, though not least, our own *United Irishmen*—all find themselves received into the governing class, and treated as if they possessed sympathy for the interests, and an honest wish for the dignity and prosperity of the great Republic. But in the votes that they give, the speeches they deliver, and the parties they form, these men are really thinking, not of the country they have adopted, but of the land they have left—*not how to benefit their friends in America, but how to avenge themselves on their enemies in Europe!*"

A True Word from Louis Napoleon.

No one can deny to the Emperor NAPOLEON III. the talent of writing and speaking with remarkable force and precision. His communications to the public are models of clear and terse expression. Whatever he has to say, he says in the fewest and most appropriate words, and leaves no room for misapprehension. Whether we believe in his sincerity or not, we cannot be mistaken as to what he wishes to be understood as his sentiments.

Nothing could be better than his remark, in his speech on the closing of the Crystal Palace, on the power of public opinion. Alluding to peace, he says:

"But peace, to be durable, should clearly resolve the question in which the war originated. In short, Europe must, herself, decide, for without the force of general opinion, the struggle between the great Powers threatens to be prolonged. But, on the contrary, if Europe shall decide who is wrong, or who is right, it will be a great step towards a solution. As to the present epoch of civilization, the success of the armies, brilliant as they are, are but transitory; *it is, in fact, public opinion which gains the last victory.*"

Very well said, and most truly. But how is the public opinion of Europe to be expressed? There is no such thing as public opinion in France, nor in Austria,—or at least, if there is a public opinion, there is no channel through which it can make itself known; there is no Press, and public meetings for the expression of free opinions are not tolerated. But, still, it is, as the Emperor says, public opinion that wins the last battle. If the public opinion of Europe is in favor of the present war, we do not know it. When the war commenced, public sentiment in England, which had been created by false representations, and a misconception of the purposes of the war, was undoubtedly in favor of it; but, judging from what we now read in the English papers, it is doubtful whether public opinion would now sustain it. There appears to be a decided change in the popular sentiment, and public opinion appears to lean to the idea that the game is hardly worth the candle. Taxes are growing intolerably heavy, and bread most uncomfortably dear, in consequence of the war.

Probably what the Emperor meant by a declaration of public opinion was a declaration by the Ruling Powers;—Kings and Ministers are the only public that he will be likely to appeal to, and it is natural enough that he should be desirous of a declaration from them in his favor. If he cannot make them his allies, he wishes to make them his accomplices, as he has done in the case of England.

Our Criminal Courts.

The Legislature, at its last session, appointed a Committee to inquire into the proceedings of our Criminal Courts, and the general mode of administering Justice in our City. This Committee has commenced its labors, and our sheet this morning contains a full report of the testimony taken by them yesterday. It related mainly to the manner in which complaints are prosecuted, before Police Justices,—and commences a revelation of the infamous villainy that is constantly practiced in connection with them. Gentlemen who either are, or have been, Magistrates, testify to practices that have come within their knowledge, of the most outrageous injustice. Persons arrested are not allowed to employ their own counsel, but are compelled by the officers to take lawyers whom they may send, and from whom they receive large pay for this service. These lawyers and the officers are frequently in conspiracy together, to fleece the unfortunate prisoner who falls into their hands of whatever money he may happen to have. Men hang about the Halls of Justice, worth nothing, but ready for pay to swear to the possession of thousands, and to go bail for offenders under arrest. Police officers levy black mail upon houses of prostitution, on the condition of not entering complaints against them. And street girls are frequently arrested for the sole purpose of forcing them to give up all the money they have, as the price of their release.

These are some of the practices connected with our administration of justice, developed in a single day's investigations of this Committee. Their existence has long been known, and denounced over and over again by the Press,—but without effect. No effort seems to have been made in any quarter to arrest them. We have never heard of a solitary attempt to punish any man for participation in them, though the facts are notorious and universally known.

We trust that the evidence which this Committee may elicit, in reference to these corrupt and infamous practices, will be made the basis for some stringent and efficient legislation upon the subject. And we hope the Committee will make the inquiry as thorough as possible. They will have no lack of material, for, according to recent developments, it would seem that our whole municipal system is utterly rotten and corrupt. During the present year six members of the Common Council have been indicted by the Grand Jury, the City Judge has been tried on an indictment for taking bribes, and the Chief of Police has been declared, by a majority of the Board of Aldermen, legally incompetent for his place.

The Know-Nothing Nomination.

The Know-Nothings, at their National Council, held in June last at Philadelphia, fixed upon the 22d of February next as the day for nominating a candidate for the Presidency. The President of the National Council, E. B. BARTLETT, at the written request of five Delegates representing five State Councils, as is required by the Constitution, has summoned a special meeting of the National Council, to be held at Philadelphia on the 18th of February,—four days before the meeting of the nominating Convention,—"for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it."

What this business will be is, of course, matter of conjecture. It is supposed, however, that the object of the meeting is to postpone the nomination of a Presidential Candidate. On many accounts it is undesirable to have a nomination made at so early a day. It has been found inexpedient to expose a candidate to attack for so long a time before the election. And the opinion is entertained very widely among members of the Order, that it will be unwise to put their candidate before the people three or four months in advance of the other parties, as it will submit him needlessly and injuriously to their united assaults. Others, friends of particular candidates, think they will gain strength by delay. The National Council is the only body that has authority to postpone the meeting of the Convention: and it is not at all unlikely, therefore, that the special meeting called for the 18th of February is to be held for that purpose.

It is not easy to conjecture yet, with any certainty, who is likely to be their candidate. Some months ago Hon. GARRETT DAVIS, of Kentucky, was a favorite with many of the Western members, but of late his name is less frequently mentioned. SAM HOUSTON, who a year ago was the most prominent of their candidates, seems to have been dropped entirely. In this State a very active canvass is going on between GEORGE LAW and the friends of Mr. FILLMORE. The latter have been inclined to rely upon Mr. FILLMORE's character and position,—upon the nationality of his late Administration, and the general conviction that his nomination would be eminently acceptable at the South, for success. They have made comparatively little effort to secure the election of delegates. But they are beginning to be a little alarmed at the activity and ubiquity of GEORGE LAW's emissaries, whom they meet in every part of the State, and who are determined, if labor and money can accomplish it, to secure a majority of the delegates from this State for their employer.

The division in the Know-Nothing Party between FILLMORE and LAW is gradually coming to light through its newspaper organs. The Albany *Register* has an elaborate, roundabout article discussing the *kind* of man that is needed for a candidate,—in which occurs the following:

"No intelligent observer can fail to see, in the signs of the times, that the tendency of parties is towards the election, for the highest office of the Government, of practical, solid men, who have become distinguished for their business capacity, and who are connected with the millions by sympathies in all of the material concerns of the country. There is more intellect, more talent in this country to-day, than there ever was before at any period of our Government. But its direction is changed. It is turned towards the practical affairs, the business, the necessities of life. The intellect of the country is engaged in the material progress of the world. It is *building upon steamers, fast-sailing ships.*

Of course there is no mistaking the bearing of such language. It means simply GEORGE LAW; and so the Buffalo *Commercial* understands it, and responds by the following pertinent query:

"Is it true then, in point of fact, that the American Party have given any clear indications that they prefer for public office men who have studied the ledger more than the laws; who are more familiar with dock-yards than with diplomacy; who know more of ocean steamships than of foreign politics; who are more conversant with fast-sailing ships than with cabinet secrets; who can make *large trades in muslins*, but cannot write a tolerable message—man, in short, who know a great deal more of steam than of statesmanship? We can judge of the Party only by its acts; and the only political act in which all alike participate, is the important one of voting. Through the ballot-box, the American masses have spoken twice in this State, and once or twice each in a large portion of the other States. We have watched these elections with lively interest, and have practiced reasonable diligence in trying to gain correct information relative to the character and qualifications of the candidates voted for. But we have seen nothing which can be interpreted into a preference for such men as the *Register* now advocates. We will put it even more strongly. We have seen nothing which can, by any possibility, be tortured into an expression of such a preference."

So far as we can judge at present, Mr. LAW may obtain a majority of delegates from this State. But, we doubt whether his strength will be as great in other States. As it is mainly factitious,—the result of diligent and rather expensive effort,—it is scarcely possible that it should in other States be as great as it is in this. It is true that Mr. LAW's energy is very great, and his purse very long;—but both have their limits, and a very large field is to be worked over, in order to compass a Presidential nomination by such means alone.

As things stand now, therefore, we think Mr. FILLMORE has by far the best chance of being the Know-Nothing candidate for the Presidency.

The Chief of Police.

Mr. MATSELL last evening addressed a letter to the Board of Aldermen, which will be found on our sixth page, protesting against the action of that Board in declaring his office vacant, as illegal, and declaring his readiness to disprove the charge of alienage made against him, whenever called upon by the proper authority to do so. He now states that his father was a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, he himself was born in this City.

Academy of Music.

"Lucrezia Borgia" will be produced here to-night with Mlle. DUDREZ as the *Orsini*. It is said to be one of her best characters. The cast in other respects is as strong as the Academy can make it, and that is saying everything.

There is we are happy to say a slight improvement in the house, but they are still discreditably slim.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT THE SING SING PRISON.

Loss About $80,000.

SING SING, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1855.

About 6 o'clock this evening, a fire was discovered in one of the buildings attached to the State Prison at this place.

It originated in the State Shop, where the clothing of the prison is manufactured, and where the wearing apparel of the prisoners is stored.

Before it could be subdued, the fire spread to the hat shop, and soon swept through the entire range of the south wing, a two-story stone building, and a one-story building running at right angles with the south wing. These shops were occupied by CHARLES WATSON, who employed about sixty convicts in the manufacture of hats. It was filled with *the most beautiful and complicated machinery, and* a large stock of wool accumulated for the Winter's supply. Mr. WATSON's loss is estimated at full $40,000, but whether insured or not could not be ascertained. Within a late period the property was insured for about two-thirds its value.

The property in the State Shop, and which is destroyed, will not probably exceed $5,000 in value. It was principally the accumulated trash of years, especially the machinery used in the manufacture of the clothing.

The shops destroyed it will cost the State $30,000 to replace. The walls of the main wing are still standing, and may be rebuilt upon.

The destruction of all this property was accomplished within two hours—the fire exceeding in brilliancy anything before witnessed in the locality of the Prison. During the fire the steam-whistle of the boiler in the hat shop played a shrill overture to the crackling flames.

When the express train passed through the prison grounds, it was feared that the new building, erected for the use of the stone contractors, would also be destroyed. It is filled with new and valuable machinery, which has been in use but a few days. If that is destroyed the loss will be increased at least $80,000.

The origin of the fire is not known. When first discovered it was burning in the vicinity of the stove in the State Shop.

It is surmised that it was the work of an incendiary, and fired for the purpose of affording an opportunity for the escape of some of the convicts.

This is the fifth fire that has occurred at this Institution, and probably the most destructive of any. The last fire destroyed an extensive range of shops in the centre of the yard. Of course, every fire gives opportunity for improved construction and arrangement of the buildings. It needs one or two more fires to clear up the yards as they should be, and to permit such an arrangement of the shops as will prove most advantageous to the institution.

During the fire a number of the convicts were taken from the cells, and good service they rendered, in subduing the flames. But to the energy and faithfulness of the firemen of the village, is the State indebted for the preservation of the Stone-house, Agent's dwelling, and probably the principal Prison.

Among the articles destroyed in the State shop was the shower-bath, wherewith refractory convicts are punished. The destruction of this apparatus being ascertained by one of the convicts, the fact was speedily communicated to his fellow-prisoners, who set up a joyful shout thereat, which could be heard loud above the roar of the flames. Evidently the loss of the State's inaccurate machinery was not much lamented by the enlisted State property on the corridors of the lock-up.

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American Institute.

A regular meeting of the Institute was held last evening, at their rooms, No. 359 Broadway. Dr. RUSH, the Vice-President, in the Chair. More than one hundred gentlemen were elected members. Hon. LUTHER R. MARSH, the orator of the late Fair, and HENRY GRINNELL, Esq., were elected honorary members.

The business next in order was the consideration of a Report from the Trustees of the Institute, to whom had been referred the subject of the purchase of the Crystal Palace. The Chair, on behalf of the Trustees, stated that the Committee originally appointed to confer with the owners of the above property, had held an interview with John H. WEST, Esq., Receiver of the Palace, but were unable to arrive at any [illegible] on the subject.

The occasion of the Committee failing of success was that they had instructed an offer of gross one, which was a sum less than could possibly be accepted by the selling party. Subsequently the Trustees had empowered the Committee to make [illegible] time, at the minimum towards an offer. The Trustees accordingly held a conference with the Receiver and his coadjutors, and [illegible] mortgages were held against the Palace, [illegible] the amounts of $[illegible], one [illegible] being interested to the extent of $40,000, and Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., representing $70,000. The Trustees found it impossible, therefore, to close the bargain for a sum less than the aggregate amount of the mortgages.

The Palace with its contents—including Kiss Anacon, valued at $10,000, and a valuable cabinet of minerals and other natural curiosities—and the lease of the ground to 1st of May, 1858, could be purchased for that sum. The Trustees therefore recommend that a subscription be set on foot for the purpose of raising an amount not less than $40,000, to assist in the purchase, as their present resources are altogether insufficient for that purpose. The Chair further stated that the Trustees had secured a refusal of the property until the 1st of January next, and also obtained the privilege of opening the doors of the Palace for the reception of visitors at any time previous, on condition of paying over one-half of the receipts to the party now in possession of the property.

An additional consideration was the procuring from the Legislature the passage of an act authorizing the City authorities to give to the Institute a long or perpetual lease of the ground on which the Palace stands. For the purpose of affording time for this object a further grace of thirty, or sixty days if necessary, had been accorded by the opposite party. The Chair then read a circular which is designed to be sent to the friends of the Institute at home and abroad.

Mr. L. LIVINGSTON offered the following resolution as supplemental to the circular of December 1:

Resolved, That in case the American Institute shall purchase the Crystal Palace, whoever shall make a donation of $1,000 or upwards to the Institute to aid them in such purchase, shall have the right at the time of making such donation, to designate an object for which a gold medal shall be awarded by the Institute at every annual Fair to be held by them thereafter; and said Institute hereby obligate themselves on receiving such donation to award at every annual fair thereafter, a gold medal in accordance with such designation, and such gold medal to be awarded by the Institute in the name of the person making such donation.

The circular and resolution were adopted, and the trustees directed to continue negotiations for the purchase of the Palace.

From the report of the Finance Committee of the Institute, it appears that the gross receipts of the late Fair were $37,000; and the sum of $1,000 now remaining in the hands of the Committee, was directed to be paid into the treasury.

After the transaction of some less important business, the meeting adjourned.

The St. Nicholas Society's Annual Dinner.

The Sons of St. Nicholas had a jolly time at DELMONICO's last night. That most excellent of hosts served up a rare dinner, after such a style as most rejoices the heart of St. Jonathan. The old Dutchmen tried hard to be Dutchy, and while they smoked their long pipes and cracked their Paas eggs, and admired the gilded cock, that pointed East as of old, and saw the cocked hat on their skipper's head, it was not a difficult task. But every five minutes the Yankee would crop out. In spite of himself, he would be found beating time to the march of the age. Even President DE PEYSTER said their motto was progress—and JOHN VAN BUREN, the veriest Dutchman of the crowd, though he leaned back occasionally and took it easy, was most of the time wandering about like an embodied "spirit of the age"—anything else than a quiet representative of the sainted and well-breeched Nicholas. The heaviest of the eating was over by 9 o'clock, and then the smoking and speaking began—Dr. JOHNSON first having returned thanks for the fine dinner—and the tobacco, though nothing was said of that. The President read the toasts, which ran as follows:

1. *St. Nicholas.*
2. *The President of the United States.*
3. *The Governor of New-York State.*
4. *New-Amsterdam*—To which Rev. Dr. VINTON responded in a capital speech.
5. *The Army and Navy*—To which Lieut. SWORDS answered modestly and handsomely.
6. *Fatherland.*
7. *The Memory of Hendrick Hudson*—COLFRESUS found the oyster, HUNGER picked out the pearl.
8. *The Union of States and the Union of Blood*—To which Rev. Dr. VERMILYE admirably responded.

Next the sister Societies were remembered—for which the Presidents of St. George's, St. David's, St. Andrew's, the German and the New-England replied, none dully, and some with admirable spirit. Other brief addresses were delivered by Ex-President DUER, (of Columbia College) Hon. JOHN A. KING, Dr. BEALE, (Ex-President of St. George's) and JOHN D. VAN BUREN. This latter gentleman, after a most amusing speech, gave the health of the Stewards.

JOHN VAN BUREN, Chairman, answered in his pleasantest style. He treated of the crushing labors of the Stewards in providing for the inner man of the Society. Three of the Society had crossed the Ocean seeking some new light for, or a new dish for, its edification. Their intellectual labors in getting up the list of toasts he described as no less Herculean. But they had faced the music, put their shoulder to the wheel, invoked Hercules and survived. He alluded in feeling terms to the inconvenience he had been put to by his friend JOHN D. VAN BUREN, whose name so nearly resembled his. He had been mortified and badly worried at times on his account. That gentleman had had the bad taste to prophesy just before election that we should carry the State by 50,000 majority, and wherever he went he was called on to show where the 50,000 were. All he could do was to say, "You mistake your man. Sirs—it was JOHN D. VAN BUREN who promised so wildly." But who is this JOHN D. VAN BUREN? they ask. 'Why, JOHN DAVID VAN BUREN,' I reply; and I say here to that DAVID as JO-NATHAN of old said to his friend DAVID, 'Thou are the man.' But he had read in the TIMES how his friend JOHN D. VAN BUREN had lost $1,000 on the Election—and in his deepest heart he pitied him, certainly."

JOHN then quietly scored some sons of St. Nicholas, who had so far forgotten their allegiance as to accept offices under the Government, as if private station in St. Nicholas were not more dignified than any office out of its borders! CUSCO, and FOWLER, and BRADBURY had sinned in this way—but he was willing to smoke with them yet, remembering how the times had degenerated. Another member, Mr. AUGUSTUS SCHELL, had been tempted to become Vice-President of the country. It was a great question for Mr. SCHELL to consider, whether he should consent to be Vice-President or not. In this honest, homely Dutch style, Mr. V. B. talked on for some time, giving frequent convulsions to his hearers.

A letter from Ex-President VAN BUREN was read, and the health of Mr. DELMONICO drank, and the hope that if not now a Dutchman, he would some day grow to be one, was expressed with a will. Whereupon about midnight most of the company went their way homeward.

It is the wish always of St. Nicholas that the Society's dinner should not be repeated until about two months afterward in some slow monthly. Out of respect to this hereditary desire we sent no reporter, and have refrained from saying more than just enough to give the curious a clue to the evening's fun. Indeed, in the spirit of the resolution, we have refrained to say what would have been perfectly true, that the best speech of the evening was made by the President before the pipes were lighted.

The following are the new officers of the Society:

President—J. DE PEYSTER OGDEN.

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Managers—W. J. Van Wagenen, Jas. R. Rip, Jacob Anthony, Aug. Schell, Cornelius Oakley, James Manley, Frederic De Peyster, John Aletyne, S. L. H. Ward, John J. Cisco, Benj. H. Field, Wm. Dumont.

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Treasurer—Wm. H. Johnson.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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WANTED.

SITUATION WANTED—By an English lady, [illegible]

SITUATION WANTED—By a respectable [illegible]

SITUATION WANTED—By an American woman [illegible]

SITUATION WANTED—By a trustworthy man, either as coachman, groom or farmer. [illegible]

SITUATION WANTED—By an English girl, [illegible]

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OFFICE RECEIVER OF TAXES, Nov. 28, 1855.

TAXES, 1855.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—That one per cent will be added on the 1st day of December on all taxes remaining unpaid, and that a further addition of one per cent will be made on the 16th day of December.

Notice is also hereby given, that on the 1st day of January next, interest will be added at the rate of one half of one per cent per month, on all taxes remaining unpaid, at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, calculated from the 1st day of September, 1855.

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ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

[illegible]—Dr. Harris's Report [illegible] Monthly Session of the New-York Academy of Medicine was held at the University, on Wednesday evening last, the President, Dr. S. W. Francis, in the Chair. After the reading of the minutes, Dr. Watson gave the second installment of his Anniversary Address, in which he brought down the history of Medicine to the time of the glory of Athens, and drew a picture of Athens in its highest state of magnificence. He then gave a distinction of the various schools of Science and Art, divided that of Medicine into its already existing parties, and summarily closed, intimating that more matter remain for future meetings. From appearances, this Annual Address, if published—as it will be, if for one evening—will attribute to a volume of some three or four hundred pages.

Dr. Chas. Pierson, in behalf of the section on Chemistry, read a report on Cod Liver Oil, of which he stated, there varieties—the pale, light, and dark brown; the pale being the variety most in use in the United States, and is supposed to contain more of the active medicinal principles. The best to distinguish it from other oils, is the addition of sulphuric acid, which produces a violet color, changing to purple in pure oil.

Dr. S. W. Francis, Home Corresponding Secretary, offered a collection of works from the Continental Academies, in exchange of publications offered by them in consonance with the recent action of the Academy.

Dr. Watson then presented a drawing of an instrument designed to inject the vapor of chloroform into some of the cavities of the body, which, after consultation, was referred to the proper section.

Dr. Barker next read a long and valuable paper upon "Puerperal Convulsions," dividing them into three peculiar varieties, pleasing its consideration in the statement that 11 per cent. of those attacked with the disease, perished, and 89 per cent. of those attacked also laboured dead. Theoretical practical importance of the paper was the nice discrimination of the cause in which chloroform is advantageously to be used. The paper was referred to the Committee on Publication.

Dr. T. F. Cox narrated a case of labor, in which he used a newly invented Obstetrical Instrument, but with unfavorable results. Drs. Barker and Gaillard expressed their opinions respecting its value, and stating some, perhaps, it might be successfully employed. Dr. Barker also exhibited Uterine Tubes invented by Dr. Simpson, of Blackwell's Island, which invented by some other gentlemen. Both instruments were referred to the Section on Obstetrics, to report upon their value.

After other desultory matter, the nomination of officers for the next year, &c., the Academy adjourned.

The John-street Church.

On Thursday, the examination of witnesses was [illegible] with a view to prove the undesirableness of repairing the Church, and the feasibility of maintaining worship in John-street. Particularly, Rev. Dr. Phillips, of St. Paul's, said that since St. Paul's and Trinity Churches have been made free, the Congregations have filled the Churches and Sabbath-schools. Several other witnesses corroborated this testimony, and thought more Churches were needed in the metropolis.

Mr. Francis testified that he has attended John-street for the past ten years; the attendance at Prayer-meetings has been from fifty to one hundred persons on the Sabbath evenings, and [illegible] that number during the week; those meetings displayed an excellent spirit; God has blessed them.

[illegible] under the business of a plumber.

[illegible] Bedford-st., has not been more prosperous, (as opposed to the contrary,) than formerly.

Rev. Mr. Hall has been a minister 30 years. Is connected with Trust Society. Is connected with a Sabbath school and preaching station in Greenwich-st., opened about 2 years ago. Thinks religious labors in this part of the City is crowned with success; many conversions; not less than 40 have joined. Such persons being advised to join some religious body. Finds no difficulty in the distribution of tracts. We have a Mission School. Thinks there is not sufficient accommodation.

Rev. Mr. Bird, this witness entered upon his work—nineteen years ago—there were seven Churches in the neighborhood; and now, that the population is much increased, there is but one. True, the population is mostly Catholic.

The Bishop asked for the population of the First Ward in 1840; 10,788 was the number—the population now being 15,000.

Mr. Swayne thought the manner of taking the census detracted for the latter number being lower than it ought to be.

Mr. Lozier, the next witness, gave a statement of the accounts. From which it appeared there is in the hands of Treasurer, $145 01; owing to the Church, $21,609; the Church owing $7,000, leaving a balance of $14,516 07.

Mr. Swayne intended to show that an annuity of $100 per annum was bid by a lady in Brooklyn to the Church, so long as it remains in John-street, and to revert to the Missionary Board on failure. The fact was admitted, the witness not being present.

Rev. Mr. Warren produced the original subscription-list from 1760 to 1776, of John-street Church. Its genuineness was received.

The Judge asked asked what it had to do with the case.

Mr. Sculyen said it had, that it was matter of law that the Will of the donors was to be carried out.

On the book being passed to the other side, among the names of his grandfather, Samuel Ennomus. The worthy Judge seemed much interested and affected upon this accidental discovery.

The book was put in evidence.

Mr. Coleman, who has a store opposite, thought the amount that might be made understood the Church would let for $1,400. Another witness thought $2,000 was nearer the mark.

It was then arranged how the summing up should be conducted; the Judge asking whether attorneys as well as clergymen got in the fog sometimes? Mr. Emmons will open the argument, and after Judge Emmons has been heard, Mr. Chatfield will have the closing word. The argument will be in the Chapel at 6½ o'clock, and is likely to attract a crowded audience.

New-York Chamber of Commerce.

The usual monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday at the Merchants' Bank, Wall-street.

F. Ferris, Esq., President, in the Chair.

A ballot took place for members of the Committee of Arbitration. Mr. Chas. T. Pease was unanimously elected to fill the only vacancy.

Mr. David Dows thought it desirable the Chamber should appoint a Committee to confer with the officers of the Custom-House, with the view of providing better facilities for the clearance of vessels from this port. He offered a resolution to that effect, which was adopted; and a Committee, consisting of Mr. B. Morgan, Mr. Henckles and Mr. D. Dows, was appointed to communicate with the Custom-House authorities on the subject. The object of this motion is to overcome the difficulty produced by the present state of the law. As the law now stands, no ship can be cleared until each skipper has cleared his manifest, under a penalty upon the shipowner, who has no power to compel the skipper to go to the Custom-House to clear. It is thought very desirable the ship should clear and give a correct account of her cargo on board. The shipowners wish to give a correct account of the cargo, derived from the shipping papers, before he goes to the Custom-House to swear to a false manifest. In this way a correct estimate would be attainable of the exports of the country, more exact than by the present method. Besides which, greater facilities would be afforded to shipowners, who often are compelled to consume several hours in clearing a vessel, and thus the change would, among other things, materially expedite business.

Our Judges.

Hon. C. A. Peabody, appointed by the Governor to fill the place rendered vacant by the resignation of Hon. Daniel Lewis, took his seat yesterday morning at Chambers.

Judge Clerke has been appointed by the Governor to fill the place of the late Hon. Judge Morris, and therefore still keeps his place.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—Friday.

U. S. District Court—Nos. 39, 38, 43 to 50.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Nos. 2864, 2884, 2886, 1294, 1179, 1000, 799, 1402, 280, 1403, 1287, 1288, 2002, 681, 1416, 1149, 1302, 1316, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343,

AUCTION SALES.

BEAUTIFUL SALE OF RICH FANCY FURNITURE, WORKS OF ART, MARBLE BRONZE, PORCELAIN AND OTHER VALUABLE GOODS.—THIS EVENING, at 7 o'clock, at the Sales Room, No. 1 Beekman-st., by order of the Trustee, will be sold, the entire stock of the late firm of Ferrier & Co., consisting of a very choice assortment of very choice French Clocks, Bronzes, Statuettes, Vases, Mantel Ornaments, Porcelain, Sèvres, Dresden, Paris and Japan Vases, Jardinières, Rich Cabinet Furniture, Mirrors, Mosaic Tables, Rich Cut Glass, Fancy Articles, Paintings, Engravings, Water Colors

New-York Daily Times,

AMERICA'S MAILS.

Interesting Extracts from our Foreign Files.

CONGRESS'S MISSION TO STOCKHOLM.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

The *America* arrived at Boston at 1¼ P. M. yesterday, and her mails were forwarded in the 8 o'clock train and have reached this city.

We learn that the substitution of the *America* for the advertised steamer *Africa*, is occasioned by the fact that the latter, which should have sailed on the 28th ultimo, would have to be laid up for examination, in consequence of striking on a bank on the night of the 16th, during her last Holyhead.

We give below everything of interest which we find in our English files.

The Convention with Sweden—Gen. Canrobert's Mission to Stockholm.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says:

"It is now ascertained that, according to yesterday with reference to the mission of Gen. Canrobert to Stockholm are now said to be authentically to be all founded, and no doubt can now be entertained that he succeeded in his mission. It is also affirmed, been agreed on, in virtue of which Sweden will furnish a contingent next Spring, to act conjointly with us in the event of peace not being made before then, and her gunboats will co-operate with our fleet in the north. It is also stated that an army, composed of French, English, and Swedes, will be sent to Courland, so that both Austria and Prussia will be forced to declare themselves. The Government here, as Sweden to take this important step, is not positively stated, but there is a strong feeling in believing that the restoration of Finland, so dear to the hearts of Swedish men, is one of the principal conditions of their alliance. Thus Russia finds herself completely humbled, and if she does not come to terms, we may fully expect next year will witness an attempt, if not greater, than any that have been made yet. The effect produced in Poland by an army occupying Courland, is not difficult to conceive, from that moment Austria and Prussia have quite as much to dread as our present enemy.

On this subject the *Times'* correspondent writes: "I believe it may at last be positively affirmed that Sweden has engaged to adhere to the alliance of France and England, and not only this, but Denmark has declared that she will follow the example of Sweden. The propositions which Prussia is pressing at the Court of St. Petersburg in order to induce the Emperor to accede to a peaceful arrangement are represented as very pacific, and even if not listened to now they will be pressed again and again more energetically when a serious relaxation.

"It is believed that the success of General Canrobert in his mission to Sweden, the promised adhesion of Sweden, the possible occupation of Courland by a French army, and in case of such an event an satisfactory rising in Poland, have thrown the Prussian Cabinet into a state of extreme panic, and hence the anxiety shown that Prussia will make for the restoration of peace.

General Canrobert's Visit to Denmark.

A letter from Hamburg says: According to letters from Stockholm, of the 15th, General Canrobert was to leave that city on the 18th for Copenhagen, where the French Minister, M. Dournac, had officially announced his speedy arrival. The King will come to the frontiers of his dominions to receive him, and the Prince of Wales will be given in honor of the Ambassador of the Emperor of the French. The Swedish Army remains, by order of Adm. Lyons, near the Island of Gothland, to be at the disposal of General Canrobert."

A letter from Copenhagen, in *Post Gazette of Berlin*, says: "The people are preparing a grand reception for General Canrobert, who is expected here in a few days, and will thus testify the sympathy of the Danish people for the Western Powers, and the intention to take part in the war against Russia. The Crown Prince, who he had an opportunity of judging for himself personally of the probabilities of the future, and, that they must have appealed to him in the last, where discouraging, cannot be doubted; for, while the Allied Armies are in the highest state of efficiency, as well for active as for defensive operations, his own forces, on the contrary, are diminishing in numbers, and would seem to be dependent upon various circumstances and conjunctures for their continued existence through the Winter.

"Such a state of affairs is thought by many to be likely to produce to the establishment of peace, since a further persistence in the aggressive objects of Russia, under all the disadvantages by which she is surrounded, would betoken an amount of obstinacy bordering upon desperation. This being the impression entertained by our capitalists, the consequent activity arrived at of the main cause of the current tendency of Consols.

"Peace money, it cannot be questioned, have to be raised early in the new year, to enable the Allied Powers early to proceed with vigor in the contest, if, after the destructive but inevitable contest, yet, when the opposing chill cause have been bound down the independence of his neighbors, confidence in constitutional resources and national credit will, it may be believed, know no limit.

The Prohibition of the Export of Grain from Russia.

From the Berlin Correspondence of the Times.

The St. Petersburg *Journal of Commerce* announces the "prohibition of the export of grain across the entire European frontier of the empire of Russia, as well as of the kingdom of Poland." This is the third season we have had of this prohibition. One first stated it to affect all the ports of Russia, the second based it to apply only to the Ottoman Sea of Poland, and the third states it to have reference to all ports and all Custom-offices in Russia and Poland, and to affect all descriptions of grain, with the exception of wheat.

The motive of this prohibition in the *Journal de St. Petersbourg* seems to labor under the omission of the words "usual language," so as to have given rise to the erroneous impression that only the Custom Houses of Poland, and not of the Russian Empire, were enjoined not to permit the exportation of grain. The prohibition of export from the ports of Russia, which, after all, not to have been so very unusual, seems, as the cause of an Allied blockading fleet, very unlikely to be enforced, as far it appears. The year previous to the White Sea Squadron having, in its flotilla, various armed boats, sent out to certain ports in the north of Norway, where it waited till the Allied blockading squadron passed them on its return home, and then made the best their way to Archangel, which they again left with a cargo of rye, previous to the commencement of the blockade in the following year.

On the presumption that this facility for export was by no means unwelcome to the Russian Government, about thirty vessels, of which twenty belonged to Bremen, have this year repeated the manœuvre, and reached Archangel. Five Bremen vessels have already left Archangel with cargoes. The possibility of export, however, will, in all probability cause the remainder to return in ballast. It would also seem that last Winter very considerable quantities of Russian grain were exported over the Swedish frontier, and have formed the bulk of the corn that Sweden has been exporting this Summer.

The last accounts from Courland represent the yield of rye this year as exceedingly scanty everywhere; in some districts the yield was hardly equal in quantity to the seed sown. In the Summer of this year, in spite of the then existing prohibition of export from Poland, the Russian Government permitted the export of all species of grain to Austria and Prussia, by way of Granitza and Mishaiowka. The good ships here are now in doubt as to whether this special exception in favor of Austria and Prussia is now put a stop to by this fresh prohibition, or is allowed to stand good.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The Eudora Mystery Still Unsolved—What Was Done Yesterday.

"To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow," is the motto of the Eudora mystery. We have not "plucked out the heart" of it yet. On Wednesday night at high water, and again yesterday morning, efforts, which were only partially successful, were made to haul her ashore, but she grounded deep in the sand, a little more than twice her length nearer the beach than she was previously. At high water last night, and again at high water this morning, the work of dragging her ashore was to be renewed. As it was, yesterday she was four feet more out of water than she was on Wednesday, but as she still reclined on her larboard side, with her starboard nearly entirely out of water, very small progress would be made in exploring her.

During the work of hauling, yesterday morning, it was observed that she seemed to swing round as on a pivot, and it was conjectured that her centre-board was down. This, on examination, proved to be the case, and what rendered the evil worse was the fact that owing to the shifting of the cargo, when she first sank, after being scuttled by the negro, the centre-board box was completely filled with coal, so that the board could not be drawn up. This caused her to hitch in the mud, and is a serious impediment to her being drawn high upon the beach. However, if those employed in the work are only moderately successful during the two next high tides, it is very probable that she will be nearly righted upon her keel, and raised sufficiently to allow of a thorough search in every part of her.

What was done yesterday was not much. A mattress and some minor miscellaneous articles of furniture were extracted from the main cabin. A piece of pork, which was at first thought to be a portion of a human body, was drawn from the run. The run itself was found nearly full of coal,—an unusual place for any portion of a ship's cargo to be stowed, though it is sometimes done to trim the vessel. Some people think that the bodies have been placed in the run, and the coal heaped upon them. Her main cabin, so far, has only been partially explored, while her hold and one of her staterooms, have not been touched at all. Beneath the floor of the cabin, there is a large vacant space, and there, or in the forecastle, it is expected the bodies of the murdered men will be found, if they are found at all.

There are many people who believe they will not be found, but we think they are in error. They say that the negro was too 'cute to leave them on board. There are several reasons for not entertaining this opinion. In the first place, the schooner was anchored two days on the spot before she sank, and during that time the yawl boat (the only boat she had) was fastened to the davits, and was not lowered at all, as was plainly seen by those on shore. If, therefore, the negro, after his bloody deed, had rowed the bodies away from the vessel and thrown them into the Sound, at some distant spot, the boat could not have been drawn up again to the davits, as it was rendered it impossible for any one man to raise it. When the negro left the schooner on the night of Nov. 22, he was observed to lower the boat.

Nor is it likely that he could have cast the bodies overboard on the spot where the vessel was anchored, as the bottom there, both before and since she was towed towards shore, has been several times thoroughly dragged, without any result. To make assurance doubly sure, Capt. Arnold and Mr. Tilyf yesterday prepared a grappling net, or sweeping line, with nearly 100 hooks attached. They dragged for hours, and gained only some star-fish and a piece of rope. The bodies, therefore, it would seem, are not sunk there; and if they had drifted away, it is hard to believe that one of them, at least, would not have turned up somewhere—thirteen days having now elapsed since the schooner sunk, and a good watch having been kept along the coast, on both sides of the Sound.

The opinion of those most interested in solving the mystery attaching to the vessel is, that the bodies will be found on board, either beneath the floor of the cabin or hidden among the cargo. If the murderer had otherwise disposed of them, what could have been his object in scuttling the vessel? It was that very act which caused his arrest.

Yesterday, at low tide, the chains used for raising her were tightened, some five or six feet, raising her, at full tide, that much higher than she was in her former position. At the next haul shoreward, she will clear that depth of water before grounding. As it is, she was only fifty feet from the shore, yesterday, at low water. It is more than probable that a great deal will be done to-day towards the solution of the terrible mystery which hangs around her. Those connected with the enterprise, however, are not too sanguine, and are getting inured to disappointments.

Suicide in Jones' Wood.

An unknown man, respectably dressed, was found dead yesterday morning, in Jones' Wood, with a pistol firmly grasped in his right hand. A boy, in passing through the wood discovered the body and informed the Police, and it was conveyed to the Nineteenth Ward Police Station, where Coroner O'Donnell held an inquest upon it. Dr. Ferguson, of the Coroner's Office, examined the body and found that a ball had entered the head immediately under the left ear, and had passed into the brain, causing death.

The Jury rendered a verdict of "Suicide from a pistol-shot wound." The deceased was about 45 years of age, and had the appearance of being a German. He was dressed in a black cloth coat, black cassimere vest, light gray pants "Mr. Jacob" was written upon the watch pocket of the pants, and a white pocket-handkerchief had the initials "W. P." in red upon it. The body was sent to the Bellevue Dead House.

Fires—Fire in Cedar-street.

A fire broke out at 10½ o'clock last night, on the fourth floor of No. 48 Cedar-street, occupied by J. Lansing, as a workshop for the manufacture of cloaks, mantillas, &c. It spread rapidly throughout the building, and penetrated to the second and fifth floors, occupied by H. B. Lachaise, importer of silks. Mr. Lansing had only a very small stock of goods on hand. His loss will not amount to more than $2,000, and he is insured for $10,000 in the Equitable and other offices.

Mr. Lachaise's loss, chiefly by notes, was not very large. He is insured.

Some damage was done to store No. 46, occupied by Weir & Rosenbaum, and to No. 44, occupied by Haggins, Mapes & Bull, wholesale druggists.

Messrs. Kane & Adams, merchant brokers, in No. 46, also suffered some slight damage.

The entire damage will not exceed $10,000.

The origin of the fire has not been ascertained, but it supposed to have been caused by some negligence on the part of those employed in Mr. Lansing's workshop.

Fire at the Foot of Hoffman-Street.

A fire broke out among freight on the Robinson-street Pier, about 11½ o'clock last night. It was soon extinguished. Damage small.

Custom-House Seizures.

Five valuable chests of merchandise were seized yesterday by Thomas J. Brown, Inspector of Customs, under the direction of Capt. Rynders, on board the Transportation Line boat for Philadelphia.

[Advertisement.]

The following notice of a recently published new work by a lady of New-York is copied

From the Philadelphia City Item.

HIDDEN LEGACY.

A perusal of the new novel of this title, just published by Messrs. Fanny & McMillan, leaves us unwilling to dismiss it with the brief notice which the demands upon our space allow us to give to the numerous works of fiction that issue from the press. The inferior character of ordinary novels has prejudiced many persons against this kind of reading; but the work before us is marked with so high and pure a tone that it is free from all the objections that commonly attach to the class of literature to which it belongs. It is a brilliant, truthful and keen exhibition of the faults, peculiarities, and also the redeeming qualities of fashionable society in America. It is not a mere satire upon fashionable follies, but a discriminating and earnest effort at a just appreciation of the good and evil that flow from the present organization of our social system.

The plot is original and striking; beginning where most novels end—with the marriage of the heroine—in secret, under circumstances of great dramatic interest. The bride turns with horror from the husband who has been forced upon her; the progress of the story exhibits, with great artistic skill, the gradual change of feeling which converts repugnance into love. It concludes with the happy reunion of the principal characters; but the fate of the "Countess Marini," and other incidents, afford scope for a pathos that evinces the possession of no ordinary tragic power. It is evidently written by one who moves in the sphere described; yet, a far wider experience of the world is, also, exhibited in the parallels drawn with foreign society. We have been told that it is the work of a young and highly-gifted lady, who in it makes her first appearance before the public as an authoress. It displays a skill in the exhibition of character that would do honor to the most practiced hand; while through the whole there runs a tone of genuine feeling, that proves the freshness of the source from which it flows. It is long since we have read a novel which we could so heartily commend to the attention of our readers.

[Advertisement.]

Holloway's Pills.—A certain specific for bile, liver complaints, and indigestion. Those suffering from headache, lowness of spirits, and loss of appetite, will find immediate relief by the use of this wonderful remedy in accordance with the directions that accompany each box. Sold at the manufactories, 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and 244 Strand, London, and by all druggists, at 25 cents, 62½ cents and $1 per box.

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☞ The Winter fashion for gentlemen's hats was issued some time since by our friend Knox, the favorite hatter of New-York. They combine every excellence, and have been adopted as "the style" which should be worn by all gentlemen who wish to appear posted on such matters. Knox's only depôt is at No. 212 Broadway, northwest corner of Fulton-street, and there only can these crowning beauties of the season be obtained.

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Fall and Winter Under-garments and Hosiery, at

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will be found the warm, durable and elastic goods which have so long been celebrated. A single trial shows them unsurpassable.

A. Rankin & Co., No. 194 Bowery.

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The Great Inhaling Remedy for Asthma, Consumption, and all diseases of the throat and lungs—Dr. Curtis' Hygeana. Thousands have been restored to health the past year by the Hygeana. Principal office No. 543 Broadway, and sold by C. H. Ring, No. 195 Broadway. Price only $3 a package. Dr. Curtis will be at the office daily, from 10 to 3 o'clock, where he may be consulted free of charge.

[Advertisement.]

Purdy's National Theatre.—To-night, "Captain Kidd," for the eleventh time at this house, and the prospects are that it will run through a couple more weeks. The interesting drama of "Valentine and Orson," and pantomime of the "Magic Rose," are also included in to-night's bill.

[Advertisement.]

☞ Seasonable Undergarments rank among the very best provocatives of health and vigor. The Stocking-knit Woolen, Merino, Silk and Cotton Undershirts and Drawers offered by James E. Ray, *No. 108 Bowery*, have no superior in the home or foreign market.

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"Throw Physic to the Dogs."—Well he may, who is wearing Ray's celebrated Stocking-knit Undergarments, promoting health, bestowing comfort and saving money. Ray's Stocking, Undershirt and Drawer Manufactory is in the Bowery, near Grand-street.

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Overcoats, Overcoats.—Overcoats made from Petersham, $5; pilot, $6; fine black cloth, $12; black castor beaver, $15; superfine French cloth, lined with satin, $18, &c., at Evans' Clothing Warehouse, Nos. 66 and 68 Fulton-street.

[Advertisement.]

Tremendous Bargains in Clothing!—$25 *for $8!! A large lot of fine Black Cloth Dress* Coats, fashionably cut, beautifully made, and lined throughout with satin, well worth $35, selling at Evans' Clothing Warehouse, Nos. 66 and 68 Fulton-street, at $8.

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For the Holidays.—S. & M. E. Towle & Co. have received a splendid stock of embroidered Collars, Sleeves, Chemisettes, Hdkfs., Laces of every description, together with Hosiery, Gloves, &c., which they are selling at remarkably low prices.

Columbian Hall, No. 281 Grand-street.

[Advertisement.]

Phrenology.—Examinations with Charts and Written Descriptions of Character, given Daily at the rooms of Fowler and Wells, No. 308 Broadway.

[Advertisement.]

☞ Hyatt's Patent Lights, 136 West Broadway, New-York. See advertisement, on fifth page.

LONG ISLAND.

Lamentable Suicide.

Jesse A. Savage, residing at No. 208 Adams, near Tillary-street, Brooklyn, committed suicide about 4 o'clock last evening, in his own residence, by blowing out his brains with a Colt's revolver. The muzzle of the pistol was placed above the ear, on the right side of the head, when discharged, and death was instantaneous. Deceased was about 22 years of age, and returned from California some six months since, when he married; and the cause of this rash and wholly unexpected act is involved in mystery. In the first part of the day he made several calls, and appeared to be in his usual good spirits. At noon he gave his wife money to go to New-York with a friend to purchase a bonnet for herself, and during her absence the deed was perpetrated. A domestic in the family was the only person in the house at the time, and upon hearing the report of the pistol called in Officer Lane, of the First District Police, who, upon repairing to a chamber, found deceased dead upon the floor, the pistol in his hand. Coroner Rennyx was notified, and an inquest will be held on the body to-day.

☞ Horace Mann delivered a capital lecture last night in the Brooklyn Athenæum to a crowded audience.

Brooklyn Court Calendar—This Day.

Circuit Court.—Nos. 1, 102, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, by Rev. Mr. West, Lawrence Wheeler to Elizabeth Barker, all of this City.

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DIED.

In this City, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, of croup, Julia Swasey, aged 1 year and 11 months.

The funeral will take place from No. 12½ Wooster-st., on Friday noon. The remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, suddenly, of disease of the heart, Anna Amanda, youngest child of Stephen Cutter.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, this (Friday) morning, 7th inst., at 8½ o'clock, at her father's residence, No. 128 East 13th-st.

In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, Elizabeth Varian, wife of Dr. James Cockcroft, in the 70th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Saturday, the 8th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M., from their late residence, No. 36 Forsyth-st.

In this City, on Thursday, Dec. 6, in hope of a blissful immortality, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Wm. and Jane Eaves, of this City.

Friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend the funeral services, at her father's residence, No. 120 Prince-st., this (Friday) evening, Dec. 7, at 6 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Waterbury, Conn., for interment.

In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 5 suddenly, Sarah Gurnsey, only daughter of John J. and Alethea M. Duke, aged 4 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, in Canton-st., between Hanson-place and Atlantic-av.

In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Dec. 6, Margaret E., wife of Charles Wood, aged 30 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services, this (Friday) evening, 7th inst., at 7 o'clock, from No. 163 Bridge-st. Her remains will be taken to Rockland County for interment.

In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, Mrs. Phebe Hammond, in the 63d year of her age.

Her friends and those of her son, Capt. Hammond, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, without further notice, at 10 o'clock, this (Friday) morning, from St. James' Cathedral, Jay-st.

In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, George Marshall, third son of Charles H. and Mary J. Birney, aged 4 years and 9 months.

In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, after a short and severe illness, Elizabeth C., second daughter of Orville A. and Ann Eliza Roorbach, in the 21st year of her age.

The relatives, friends and acquaintances of the family, and of her brother-in-law, J. R. Van Voorhies, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Friday, 7th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents, No. 30 Union-place, South Brooklyn.

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COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange...Dec. 8.

$2,000 Virginia 6s	85¾	100 Erie Railroad	b30 48⅝
2,000 do	c 85¾	50 do	b60 48⅝
10,000 do	b60 85¾	200 do	b60 49
3,000 Ind. State 5s	c 81¾	110 do	48⅝
800 do	c 81¾	300 do	48⅝
2,000 Missouri 6s	c 87½	100 do	b10 48⅝
3,000 do	b10 87½	50 do	48⅝
4,000 Erie bds of '75	c 97	200 do	c30 48
4,000 Ill. Cen. R.R. bds	77¾	100 do	c30 48⅝
1,000 do	77¾	100 do	c10 48
2,000 New-York Cen. 6s	93¾	100 do	b60 48⅛
1,000 do	95	175 Harlem Railroad	19
198 Mechanics' Bank	118⅝	100 Hudson River R.R.	22⅛
15 Union Bank	116	200 Mich. Cen. R.R.	c 94⅝
10 Bk. State New-York	109	300 do	b30 97
12 Bk. of N. America	102⅝	100 Cumbl'd Coal Co.	c 22
40 Hanover Bank	98	250 do	c 22¼
28 Market Bank	103	1,000 do	c60 22
18 do	105	450 do	c 22¼
500 Canton Co.	b60 21¾	200 do	b15 22¼
100 do	c 20¾	200 Nic. Transit Co.	b5 15⅝
30 Penn. Coal Co.	97⅝	100 do	c 15⅝
60 do	97⅝	100 do	b5 15⅝
60 do	98	200 do	c 15⅝
30 do	b60 97	50 do	c 15¾
196 Ward Coal Co.	b10 21¼	400 Reading Railroad	c 68
200 Erie Railroad	b6 47	1200 do	b60 68¼
200 do	b60 47⅝	300 do	b60 68
200 do	b60 47¾	100 do	c 67¾
100 do	c10 47	400 do	c60 67¾
100 do	48	300 do	c 67¾
300 do	c 47¾	1000 do	c60 67¾
300 do	c 48	300 do	c 67¾
300 do	b60 48¼	200 do	b6 67¾
100 do	b10 47¾	50 do	b60 68¼
200 do	c 47¾	230 Hud. River R.R.	c 30¼
100 do	b10 48	500 Mic. S. & N. In. R.	b10 94
100 do	b15 48	300 do	94
100 do	b5 48	200 do	b60 94
250 do	c 48	75 do	b5 95¼
250 do	c 48	55 do	95¾
200 do	b60 48¼	50 Gal. & Chi. R.R.	b5 120
100 do	b10 48¼	66 Chi. & Rock Is. R.R.	96¾
100 do	b15 48¾	10 do	96¾
200 do	c 48¾	40 do	b10 96¾
200 do	c 48¾	45 Cleve. & Tol. R.R.	c 71
100 do	b5 48¾	100 do	b30 71¼
150 do	c 48¾	200 do	c 70¾
50 do	b60 48¾		

BETWEEN BOARDS.

Albert H. Nicolay sold this day, at 12¾ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:

$10,000 Terre Haute and Alton, 2d mortgage	67½
9,000 Chicago and Mississippi 1st mortgage	64
15,000 Columbus, Piqua and Ind. R. R. 2d mort.	50
10,000 Great Western 1st mortgage 10 ₩ cent	95¾
10,000 Cleve., Painesville and Ashtabula R. R.	75¾
8,000 E. Rio, Wab. and St. Louis R. R. 1st ms.	74
5,000 Lake Erie 2d mort. 7 ₩ cent. non-com.	60
$7,000 cus. of the Brook. Coal Co. of Ky.	$1050
19 shares Third-avenue Railroad	47
5 shares New-Haven and New-London R. R.	103¾
4 shares Sixth-avenue Railroad	75
250 shares Hampshire Coal and Iron Co.	5 50
16 shares H. Clay Ins. Co. hypothecated	7
— shares Hanover Bank	95
70 shares Mechanics' Fire Ins. Co., hypoth.	17
250 shares Mechanics' Fire Ins. Co., hypoth.	18
100 shares Henry Clay Ins. Co., hypothecated	7
5 shares Bank of Sing Sing	80
90 shares Hamilton Fire Ins. Co.	51⅛
20 shares Lafarge	67
20 shares Chatham Bank	99⅝
20 shares Chatham Bank	99
490 shares St. Nicholas Ins. Co.	60 ⅝
30 shares Lenox Fire Ins. Co.	80

SECOND BOARD.

$3,000 Ill. Cen. R.R. Bs.	77¾	200 Erie Railroad	b7 48
8,000 do	77	250 do	b10 48
100 Canton Company	50¾	50 do	b60 48¼
100 Nic. Trans. Co.	c60 15⅝	100 do	48
100 Cumb. Coal Co.	c10 22½	225 Chi. & R. Isl. R.R.	b60 95¾
300 Erie Railroad	b10 48⅝	100 do	95
100 do	c 48⅝	1100 Reading R. R.	c 67¾
200 do	b30 48⅝	300 do	c 67¾
100 do	48¾	400 do	c 67¾
100 do	c60 47⅝	200 do	b5 67¾
400 do	b60 48⅝	50 Hud. River R.R.	30
200 do	48¾	600 do	30¼
200 do	c60 47¾	10 Mi. So. & N. I. R.R.	92
100 do	b10 48¼	50 do	92¾
100 do	48	20 Gal. & Chi. R.R.	119¾
100 do	b5 48⅝	100 do	b60 120
100 do	c10 48	100 Clev. & Tol. R.R.	b30 71
200 do	b60 48¼	100 do	b5 70¾
100 do	c60 47¾	100 do	b5 70⅞
100 do	b60 48¼		
150 do	48		

Thursday, Dec. 6—P. M.

The mails by the *America* at Boston were received at the Post-Office at a late hour this evening. We annex the

MOVEMENT OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

	Loans and Discounts.	Bank Notes Unemployed.	Coin and Bullion.
July 7	£13,398,806	£10,413,395	£17,524,068
July 14	13,661,933	9,859,020	17,386,804
July 21	13,766,108	9,207,945	16,444,158
July 28	12,913,249	8,781,145	16,895,398
Aug. 4	12,894,925	8,692,900	16,321,734
Aug. 11	14,269,693	9,156,845	16,975,395
Aug. 18	14,243,006	9,249,550	16,116,978
Aug. 25	14,305,229	8,874,535	15,545,967
Sept. 1	15,081,995	8,963,880	14,929,118
Sept. 8	16,497,927	7,895,900	14,217,376
Sept. 15	17,258,784	7,394,800	13,496,455
Sept. 22	18,509,377	7,262,815	12,393,607
Sept. 29	19,915,768	6,165,870	10,905,920
Oct. 6	18,781,898	5,475,470	12,178,361
Oct. 13	18,023,448	4,857,490	11,754,481
Oct. 20	16,786,513	4,510,495	11,220,207
Oct. 27	16,324,690	4,369,565	11,108,865
Nov. 3	16,325,548	4,644,495	11,340,934
Nov. 10	17,373,664	4,893,905	11,304,620
Nov. 17	17,737,150	5,329,590	11,268,934

The course of the Public Funds on the London Stock Exchange, during the week was as follows:

November	FOR MONEY. Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.	FOR ACCOUNT. Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.
Sat. 17	87¾	88	87¾	87⅞	88⅛	88
Mon. 19	87¾	87⅞	87⅞	87⅞	87⅞	87⅞
Tues. 20	88	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛
Wed. 21	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛
Thurs. 22	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛
Fri. 23	88⅛	88⅞	88⅞	88⅞	89	88⅞

The London *Times* of the 23d November says of the Paris Money Market:

"The mercantile advices from Paris continue to indicate considerable confidence. The Bank of France is still thought to be in an improving position, and in the discount market money is plentiful at 5 ₩ cent. The belief that a new attempt is making to bring about political arrangements of great importance prevails on the Paris Bourse as strongly as on the London Stock Exchange.

"The final quotations of the French Three ₩ Cents, on the Paris Bourse, this evening, were 66f. 25c. for money, and 66f. 50c. for the account, showing a further improvement of ⅛ ₩ cent."

The *Daily News* reports from Hamburg:

"Hamburg letters of Tuesday report the money market as easier, but the rate was still as high as 6½ ₩ cent. Bills were in more favor. Owing to the high rate of money, the produce markets were quiet. Sugar and coffee, however, daily maintained their value, and there was a good demand for the larger article for the interior of Germany. Tallow and oils were advancing. The Corn market was firm, but without extensive transactions. The weather was boisterous, with a slight frost, having been unprecedented during the last two days."

The market for Stocks was stronger to-day than for a week past. The orders in the Board appeared to be better distributed, particularly on one or two of the active Road Stocks. The share transactions were large, while very little was done on the list of State and Railway Bonds. The improvement which took place yesterday on the announcement of the Foreign news was fully sustained, and on a good portion of the sales a further advance of ¼@¾ ₩ cent. was realized. Erie opened at 47 cash, sold up to 48¾, and closed 47¾@48, against 47¼@47⅝ at Wednesday's Second Board. The latest registered cash sale was at 48, though the same figure was subsequently accepted, buyer 60 days. Reading closed 67¾; Illinois Bonds 77; Galena 119¾; Toledo 70¾; Southern Michigan 92¾, after selling up to 94. In regard to the Illinois Central, it is announced that Mr. J. A. Griswold has resigned the Presidency—retaining his Directorship—and that the late Vice-President, Mr. William H. Osborne, has taken his place. Mr. Griswold's health, we believe, has not been equal to the active duties of the station.

The Foreign advices by telegraph are considered more satisfactory than generally anticipated in regard to English money affairs. They are at least sufficiently quieting here, it will be seen from the share list, to induce a more reasonable consideration for financial influences nearer home. There was nothing done in Foreign bills to-day. No French steamer goes on Saturday. The next packet is the *Atlantic* for Liverpool on Wednesday next. The *Union* for Havre succeeds on the 15th. The *St. Louis* arrived this afternoon from Havre and Southampton, Nov. 21, with part of the newspaper files of that week, though a small letter mail. The mails by the *America* left Boston at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the letters will be delivered here early in the morning. The *St. Louis*, we hear, is chartered by the General Government, for the transportation of troops to Aspinwall, destined for Oregon. The Pacific Mail Company will also supply an extra steamer on the Pacific side for the same service. The round trip will pay about $120,000, of which $20,000 will go to the Panama Railroad.

There was no marked change in Money affairs. The supply is not very free, except on mercantile paper at the going high rates, 9@12 ₩ cent. The Money Brokers who are supplied at 7 ₩ cent. get good differences for carrying Stocks. There is continued activity, with the free employment for money, in the movement of Produce from the interior to the Seaboard. The amount of bills remitted from the West drawn against these shipments is larger than has been known in December, since 1846-7. The market for Grain and Flour was dull to-day under the foreign telegraphic news and in the absence of the private letters. Cotton is offered at a concession of ⅛ cent, without tempting buyers. The Sub-Treasury received $119,846, including $60,000 deposited for transfer drafts on the West, and paid $211,811. The regular balance this afternoon is $4,147,674.

The managers of the new Park Bank, to which we referred a day or two since, have determined to organize with a capital subscription of $2,000,000, payable in monthly installments. They *expect to go into operation in February or March.* The subscription is now open with each of the following *gentlemen who compose first Direction.* Mr. Howes has been designated for President. No Cashier yet appointed. The Direction is a *highly responsible one*, and will bring a large influence to the support and successful management of the new association:

Reuben W. Howes, of the firm of Howes, Hyatt & Co.
Peter Hayden, of the firm of P. & J. Hayden.
John H. Macy, of the firm of Josiah Macy Sons.
J. H. Bulkley, of the firm of Lapham & Bulkley.
R. F. Ayers, of the firm of Ayers & Tunis.
Robert Squires, of the firm of Freeland, Stewart & Co.
E. R. Wesley, of the firm of Wesley & Kowalski.
Oliver Moyt, of the firm of Hoyt Brothers.
W. Whitney, of the firm of Whitney, Seaffient & Co.
Edward M. Young, of the firm of Young, Schulte & Co.
Geo. H. Potts, of the firm of Lewis Andenreid & Co.
Arthur Leary, Shipping Merchant.
A. E. Laing, of the firm of A. E. Laing & Co.
Geo. J. Byrd, of the firm of Byrd & Hall.
R. H. Arkenburgh, of the firm of R. H. Arkenburgh & Co.
C. B. Conant, of the firm of C. B. Conant & Co.
Moses S. Whitney, Merchant.
I. P. Morton, of the firm of Grinnell & Morton.
J. S. Dickerson, of the firm of Vandervoort, Dickerson & Co.
W. P. Earle, of Earle's Hotel.
J. W. Orvis.
R. B. Blydenburgh, of the firm of J. H. Brower & Co.

CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD RECEIPTS.

	1855.	1854.	1853.
January	$14,057 93	$41,515 19	$61,558 85
February	25,915 49	45,087 42	58,009 00
March	45,750 71	69,610 16	92,886 00
April	81,951 81	73,467 87	140,878 00
May	94,428 17	56,993 79	76,967 00
June	35,665 97	47,568 49	58,736 00
July	31,708 30	30,487 28	48,106 00
August	30,049 15	32,317 21	31,689 00
September	34,751 87	51,048 68	79,000 00
October	60,708 79	85,779 79	94,160 00
November	68,127 68	71,921 81	21,539 00
December	50,467 74	75,308 68	23,640 00
Total	$465,451 00	$666,757 00	$687,097 00

MILWAUKEE AND MISSISSIPPI ROAD.

November receipts, 1855	$62,000
November receipts, 1854	55,188
Increase	$6,812
Eleven months, 1855	$600,812
Same months, 1854	435,412
Increase	$164,400

We direct the attention of the Bondholders of the Mansfield and Sandusky Road to the advertisement of Mr. E. T. H. Gibson, *in regard to the settlement proposition*, which has been extended to 1st January.

From the Liverpool Times, Nov. 24.

It was feared by many persons that the Bank of England Directors would be compelled yesterday to "tighten the screw," owing to the continued heavy drain of Gold from their coffers, but the "Parlour" separated without any alteration being reported. The rumor has generally prevailed during the week in